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**SUBJECT: BARKER/KARPIS GANG  
BREMER KIDNAPPING**

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DIRECTOR

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 21, 1935

Time - 4:20 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Alvin Karpis.

Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
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Miss Gandy

With reference to the newspaper dispatches indicating that the Director had received a letter from Alvin Karpis threatening his life, and with reference to the telegram which was received at the Postal Telegraph Company in Philadelphia yesterday for dispatching addressed to the Director and signed Alvin Karpis, I telephoned Mr. Connelley at the Chicago Office to discuss the matter. I informed Mr. Connelley of the gist of the telegram in question, also informing him of the circumstances of its being telephoned in from a pay station in a suburban Pennsylvania Railroad Station.

I told Mr. Connelley that it had occurred to the Director that there might be a possibility of Karpis' actually going out to the home of his parents to see his child, and suggested to Mr. Connelley that he might bear this in mind, and possibly make a careful surveillance of the home of Karpis' parents. I cautioned Mr. Connelley in making such a surveillance to be extremely careful, mentioning to him the possibility of this being a plant by a newspaper, and if it got out that we were keeping the Karpis folks under surveillance, we would be the subject of newspaper comment. Mr. Connelley concurred in the suggestion that it might be well to keep the Karpis home under surveillance, and stated that with the contacts which they have developed in that vicinity, it will be possible to institute a quiet surveillance.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 19, 1935.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Joseph .....  
Mr. Keith .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Scheidt .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

Time - 11:35 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

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Special Agent in Charge H. E. Andersen telephoned me from the St. Paul Office with reference to the above entitled case. He advised that he got a call from Special Agent W. J. Devereux from Crane Lake, Minnesota, where he is keeping under surveillance the former Chief of Police of St. Paul who it is thought might be contacted by some of the fugitive subjects in the above matter. Mr. Devereux reported a Ford Coupe with Illinois license plates leaving there yesterday with a man and woman in it. Mr. Devereux was unable to ascertain that these two parties are anyone in whom the Bureau is interested; however, he did get the number of the license plates, and the matter is being checked from this angle.

Mr. Devereux wanted to know how long he should remain at Crane Lake. I asked how long the former Chief of Police was going to remain up there. Mr. Andersen said that he believed the Chief would remain about another week or ten days. I told him that Devereux, then, should remain there during that time, at least.

With reference to the surveillance being maintained at Mankato, Minnesota, on Belle Born, Mr. Andersen said that he was down there looking this situation over, and is of the opinion that another man should be sent there to assist in this situation. He stated that two of the men are tied up on telephone taps there, while the other is doing general surveillance work, and it is apparent that another man is needed for the general surveillance. I told Mr. Andersen that the Bureau is not, of course, advised as to the general set-up in connection with this matter, and would, therefore, defer to his judgment as to whether or not another man should be assigned to this surveillance; that if he believed another man should be so assigned, it should be done.

With reference to the dial recording machine being used in connection with the telephone taps being maintained on the telephones of Belle Born, Mr. Andersen wanted to know if the Technical Laboratory thought wet cell batteries could be used with this machine. I told him that I did not think wet cell batteries could be used with this machine; that "A", "B" and "C" current has to be used, and consequently the batteries which are ordinarily used should be continued. Mr. Andersen said that he brought this up since they use a set about every three days.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

August 16, 1935.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218,  
FUGITIVE; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION  
OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of August 13, 1935, regarding the surveillance of former Chief of Police Thomas Brown, Saint Paul, Minnesota, at Crane Lake, Minnesota.

Special Agent W. J. Devereaux telephoned today from the vicinity of Crane Lake and advised that he and Special Agent L. W. Arms are now residing in one of Chase's cottages, which is approximately one mile south of where Brown has his summer cottage. Agent Devereaux informed me that they experienced some difficulty in locating Brown's cottage. He further advised that they now have Brown definitely placed and have noted that his cottage is located in a recess of the lake. The Agents observed a boat landing adjacent to the cottage, and noted considerable social activity in the vicinity. They also observed two high-powered motor boats, apparently belonging to the Brown party.

Agent Devereaux informed me that the lake has been somewhat rough during the last day or two, and consequently he and Agent Arms have been unable to make any lengthy surveillance of Brown. He stated, however, that they plan to cover the lake thoroughly starting today, weather permitting. It should be noted that

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
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Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

*W. J. Devereaux*  
*K. L. C.*

these Agents are provided with fishing equipment and should be able to go any place on the lake without arousing suspicion.

The Bureau will be advised of further developments.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

HEA:rwmm

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
EAT:CDW

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

August 17, 1935.

Time - 9:36 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: William E. Meade.

Mr. Nathan .....  
Mr. Tolson .....  
Mr. Baughman .....  
Chief Clerk .....  
Mr. Clegg .....  
Mr. Coffey .....  
Mr. Edwards .....  
Mr. Egan .....  
Mr. Foxworth .....  
Mr. Harbo .....  
Mr. Joseph .....  
Mr. Keith .....  
Mr. Lester .....  
Mr. Quinn .....  
Mr. Schildt .....  
Mr. Schilder .....  
Mr. Tamm .....  
Mr. Tracy .....  
Miss Gandy .....

I telephoned Special Agent W. J. West, acting in charge of the Boston Office, relative to the request for investigation made by the Bureau of the two lawyers who figured in the release of the above named person from custody. I inquired as to the status of this investigation.

Mr. West advised that Special Agent Martin, who was assigned to the investigation of this matter, has been transferred to the Washington Field Office, where he now is; that a report in the matter reflecting the results of the investigation conducted by him while he was in that district will probably go out today.

I advised Mr. West that the Director is personally interested in seeing that the investigation of this case is completed just as soon as possible. I instructed him to re-assign the case at once, and to give the investigation of the same expeditious attention.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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Washington, D. C.

August 23, 1935.

Mr. Nathan  
Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schmidt  
Mr. Spaulder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

Time - 10:45 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Special Agent John B. Little, acting in charge of the Oklahoma City Office, telephoned me with reference to the inquiry which Special Agent Frank S. Smith of the Oklahoma City Office has been making in connection with the above entitled case.

He said that Mr. Smith has just returned from Claremore and McAlester, Oklahoma. At Claremore, he talked with Elmer Inman, who does not know either Karpis or Campbell. Mr. Smith then went to McAlester, where he talked with Mr. Jess Dunn, who is Assistant Warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary. Mr. Dunn advised Mr. Smith his attitude with regard to the prisoners is that they either love you or hate you, and in this connection, he, Dunn, feels he is rather close to Volney Davis, and if Volney Davis will impart any information to anyone, he would impart it to Mr. Dunn. Mr. Smith made the suggestion that Mr. Dunn might go up to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and talk to Davis. Mr. Dunn is agreeable to making this trip, but stated he would not want to make the trip without the consent and authority of the Governor of Oklahoma.

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I mentioned to Mr. Little that it would appear to me to be a rather serious reflection upon the investigative ability of the Bureau to have to get an outsider to interview Volney Davis to get information from him. Mr. Little said that this is merely a possible contact through which desired information might be obtained, and he wanted to submit the matter to the Bureau for our consideration.

I inquired if Mr. Dunn had ever gotten any information of value from Davis. Mr. Little said that he did not believe so, but Mr. Dunn felt in view of his rather close associations with Davis, he might be able to now get some information from him. I then mentioned it was my recollection that Davis got out of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on forged papers, and inquired if Dunn had anything to do with such a release. Mr. Little said as he recalls the matter, the last report submitted by Special Agent Paul Hansen of the Oklahoma City Office shows that investigation revealed Davis' release papers to be in order.

I agree with your views.  
J. E. K.

Little so advised  
See memo.  
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I informed Mr. Little that I would put this matter up to the Director for his decision.

Mr. Little mentioned that on August 21, 1935, the Oklahoma City Office forwarded to the Bureau by air mail, special delivery, a personal and confidential letter setting forth the above and other information relative to this matter. He said that in this letter, the Oklahoma City Office requested authority for Special Agent Frank S. Smith to return to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for the purpose of making other inquiry which would be advisable in view of other developments. He said that it had occurred to the Oklahoma City Office that Mr. Dunn could possibly make this trip to Leavenworth with Mr. Smith, and thus cover the matter at the same time. In this connection, however, Mr. Little advised that the Governor of Oklahoma usually goes out of the city over the week-end, and leaves either Friday night or Saturday morning; that if the Bureau approves of this, the Oklahoma City Office would like to be advised today if possible.

I again informed Mr. Little that the matter would be put up to the Director, and the Oklahoma City Office advised in due course.

Respectfully,

  
E. A. TAMM.

I do not think this should be done. Agent Smith already has a contact at Leavenworth which looks rather good, i.e., that of the Detective Glynn. This would be jeopardizing the first contact, with an extremely dubious second informant. The Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester has always been regarded as a sieve. It has been said that anyone could get out of it having sufficient money. The atmosphere there is extremely poor to say the least. Frank Smith, who has had considerable success with informants, is somewhat too gullible with the individual informants. This probably contributes to his success with the few that are good, but certainly I do not think two informants should be played together at the same time, as is suggested by Little.

  
H. Nathan.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 19, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	✓
Chief Clerk	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Coffey	✓
Mr. Edwards	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Foxworth	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Joseph	✓
Mr. Keith	✓
Mr. Lester	✓
Mr. Quinn	✓
Mr. Schildt	✓
Mr. Schiller	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Special Agent W. J. Devereux and Special Agent L. W. Arms of the Chicago Office have taken up the surveillance of former Chief of Police Thomas Brown of the St. Paul, Minnesota, Police Department at Crane Lake, Minnesota inasmuch as it is anticipated that some of the remaining fugitives in this case will attempt to contact him.

Special Agent R. C. Suran is supervising the surveillance of Belle Born, woman companion of Charles J. Fitzgerald, who is presently located at her home at Mankato, Minnesota. The Agents have rented an apartment and have effected telephone taps.

An informant of the Oklahoma City Office has advised the Kansas City Office that Harry Campbell and Alvin Karpis separated some time ago and do not contemplate joining each other again. He reports that Campbell is associated with a woman, whose name is unknown, and that he, Campbell, had been recently run out of a night club six miles from Cleveland or Detroit because the search for him was becoming too "hot". The name of the night club as reported by the informant began with the letter "H" and sounded like Harvard, which is possibly the Harvard Club of Cleveland in which the Bureau has a confidential informant who is cooperating with Special Agent R. D. Brown. Informant further reports that Campbell is now located somewhere in Ohio and that Alvin Karpis is frequenting Memphis, Tennessee accompanied by an individual known as "Stuttering Kid". Karpis is also reported to have participated in some criminal activity at Fort Smith on August 10, 1935. The Oklahoma City Office considers the information furnished by informant as reliable and has instructed all interested offices to verify the information furnished by him.

The Boston Office, in a teletype message to the Chicago Office, reported the departure of William E. Meade from New York.

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destined to Chicago, and suggested that investigation be conducted at the past known residences of Meade in that City.

There have been no other developments during the week.

Respectfully,

*R. E. Newby S.R.M.*

R. E. Newby.



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POST OFFICE BOX 812  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schmidt  
Mr. Spiller  
Mr. Tamm ✓  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

August 22, 1935.

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CONFIDENTIAL

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

In re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. 1218-FUGITIVE;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1233;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I. O. 1236  
WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I. O. 1238  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239  
MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I. O. 1241 et al  
Edward George Bremer, Victim - KIDNAPING;  
HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

Confidential informant [redacted] appeared at the Chicago office this morning and advised that he had several matters here which he believed might develop information of value and at this time he repeated to me the information he had obtained from John Balch as to this party SEVIER, Balch and Sevier both being inmates of the State Penitentiary at McAlester, and he advised me that Sevier is supposed to be receiving his mail through a guard there; that in the letters Balch had apparently seen Sevier was supposed to have made a trip to Germany in order to change some of the money from the Hamm and Bremer kidnappings, later returning to San Francisco where he was arrested and returned to St. Paul, and later returned to McAlester for violation of parole, this being in accordance with the previous story that Margaret Sevier, the wife of Sevier living at 28 17th Street or Avenue in St. Paul was supposed to be holding some of the Bremer and Hamm kidnaping money.

As will be noted from the record of Sevier he was at liberty only a very short time after the Hamm kidnaping in the summer of 1933, and was not at liberty during the time of the Bremer kidnaping, which indicates some doubt as to the truth of these parties handling the Hamm and Bremer kidnaping money. He indicated as previously that Karpis is supposed to be going into St. Paul about once every month in order to contact Margaret Sevier to get this money, or that he was having the party from Sioux City who is now supposedly associating with Karpis go in for this purpose; that Margaret Sevier was due to make a visit to her husband at McAlester

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in a short time; that Balch had suggested that he arrange for [redacted] to go to St. Paul and contact Margaret Sevier, advising her that he [redacted] could arrange to change some of the money, but that he had not planned on doing this, and personally I do not believe this particularly advisable in view of our present information as to the general situation.

[redacted] advised me as to how he had made contact with this party Balch at McAlester, who was then in restriction due to having stolen a pair of overalls, and stating he had difficulty in getting in, but had called upon a Mr. Shackelford in the identification division to vouch for him, as he had been advised to do by acting S.A.C. Little; that notwithstanding this the assistant warden there had questioned him apparently with the idea in mind of determining just what his purpose was in going into the prison, and [redacted] advised him if he was in doubt he should contact Mr. Little of the Department of Justice at Oklahoma City; that the assistant warden wished to indicate on the record that it was an official call; that he [redacted] was a Federal officer, all of which [redacted] advised him would be all right. However when [redacted] insisted that he contact Mr. Little the assistant warden with whom he talked said it would be all right to go ahead. In this connection [redacted] indicated to me a desire to contact William Dietrick in the Indiana State Penitentiary at Michigan City who is one of the original escapes from this place in September, 1933 and who has been returned to that place. At this time he was advised by me of the highly undesirable nature of him indicating in any way that he was working with us or for us, as it is believed he will destroy his usefulness if any by making such representations to these prison authorities, who we have no assurance will treat same in confidence, and before he leaves Chicago I will thoroughly impress upon him the undesirability of making contacts in this manner or indicating to anyone that he is working for us.

He indicates that he desires to make contact with a sister of Jack Sadler, local hoodlum from St. Louis who operates a place at Niles, Illinois which is considered a hangout for hoodlums, with the idea of getting some information as to Willie Harrison. He also intends to contact Dolly Brooks, whose husband George was recently killed by police officers, as he believes this woman who is at Calumet City, may have information, particularly as to Willie Harrison.

This informant is now registered as [redacted] and has been advised to call me on the telephone in preference to coming to the Bureau office, for future

contacts here. If he does not develop something material in a very short time here it is believed possibly he should return to his home in Los Angeles, he having a round trip ticket in his possession. The date of this will be determined by the possibilities of the information he develops at this time.

Very truly yours,



E. J. CONNELLEY,

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT

Special Agent in Charge.

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CC Los Angeles  
Kansas City  
Oklahoma City  
Cincinnati

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 22, 1935.

Time - 8:35 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
Mr. Lester  
Mr. Quinn  
Mr. Schubert  
Mr. Schilder  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Tracy  
Miss Gandy

I telephoned Special Agent C. B. Winstead, acting in charge of the El Paso Office, inquiring if there have been any developments in the above entitled case at El Paso, Mexico. He said that there have not; that he has planted his informant at the house of prostitution supposed to be frequented by Alvin Karpis.

I inquired of Mr. Winstead if he believed the assistance of some more Agents would be desirable, informing him that I had discussed the matter with Mr. Connelley, and Mr. Connelley had suggested sending three or four additional Agents into that territory. Mr. Winstead said that while he believed some additional Agents would be desirable, he believed two men would be sufficient to handle the situation. He said that since Karpis is supposed to be in Mexico, if we conduct a raid, we will have to solicit the assistance of the local Mexican authorities, who will furnish assistance.

I informed Mr. Winstead that the Bureau would arrange to have two additional Agents sent into that vicinity tonight; that these two men will probably be sent from the Dallas and San Antonio Offices.

Time - 8:55 P.M.

I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Blake at the Dallas Office and instructed that he have Special Agent C. O. Hurt of his office proceed immediately to the El Paso Office to assist in the above matter. I authorized travel by airplane, in that the next train to El Paso would not leave until about noon tomorrow, and as a result, Mr. Hurt would not have gotten in there until about Sunday afternoon. Mr. Blake assured me that Mr. Hurt would leave on the next plane.

Time - 9:35 P.M.

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I telephoned Special Agent in Charge Gus T. Jones at the San Antonio Office and instructed him to have Special Agent J. A. White of his office report at once at the El Paso Office to assist in the above matter. Mr. Jones explained that Mr. White is on leave at this time, but he would get in touch with him at once and instruct him to report to the El Paso Office.

Respectfully,  
E. A. TAMM.

Confidential Informant

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P. O. Box 709  
Portland, Oregon

August 21, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218;  
DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232;  
HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1234;  
WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1238;  
WYTHLE ATON with aliases, I.O. 1241; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER a Victim  
Kidnaping; Harboring & Obstruction of  
Justice, National Firearms Act,  
Portland File 7-24

REFERENCE: Letters from Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley, dated  
6-21, 7-30, 8-16-35.

Reference is made to copy of letter to the Director from  
Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley dated 6-21-35, and copies  
of subsequent letters from Special Agent in Charge Connelley in  
connection with the circularization of banks in this district regarding  
certain Federal Reserve Bills of \$1000.00 denomination.

This will advise that on August 6, 1935, a circular letter  
was prepared and sent out by this office addressed to all banks in  
Oregon, Washington, and Alaska, requesting stop order be placed against  
certain bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank of \$1000.00  
denomination beginning with serial number 7 00022451 A and ending with  
7 00022500 A. A further request was made that this office be notified  
immediately in the event any of these bills were received by the var-  
ious banks.

Yours very truly,

C. C. [illegible]  
Special Agent in Charge

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Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

August 21, 1935

Charge

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
I.O. #1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-30



Reference is made to your letter of August 15, 1935 request-  
ing that you be furnished with a copy of all photographs taken of  
HARRY SAWYER since he has been incarcerated in the County Jail at  
St. Paul, and that you also be furnished with copy of any photographs  
taken at the St. Paul County Jail of VOLNEY DAVIS upon his last  
arrest.

I am enclosing herewith photograph of VOLNEY DAVIS taken in  
the County Jail at St. Paul on June 4, 1935 by the St. Paul Police  
Department. I am also transmitting, with a copy of this letter to  
the Bureau, a similar photograph of DAVIS, while a third copy is  
being retained in the St. Paul Office file of this case. It may be  
noted that the photograph is a very good likeness of VOLNEY DAVIS.

With reference to your request for a photograph of HARRY  
SAWYER, please be advised that he was not photographed nor finger-  
printed upon his arrival in St. Paul. However, pursuant to your  
request, I made arrangements with the Police Department here today  
and a photograph of SAWYER was taken in the County Jail in the  
presence of Special Agent Clinton Stein. A copy of this photograph  
will be forwarded to your office and an additional copy to the  
Bureau.

Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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P. O. Box #1828  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

August 26, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Chicago, Illinois

ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Reference is had to your letter of August 16,  
1935 pertaining to the circularization of the various  
banks located within the territory of this office, having  
for object the location of one thousand dollar bills issued  
by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, Georgia.

Please be advised that all banks within the Pitts-  
burgh District have been circularized.

Should any information be received concerning the  
said one thousand dollar bills, it, the information, will  
be forwarded to you immediately.

Very truly yours,

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CC - Bureau  
St. Paul

C. E. HARTMAN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

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August 27, 1935

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Re: SOURCE OF MACHINE GUNS  
IN HANDS OF CRIMINALS.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter of August 19, 1935 bearing the above title, copies of which were furnished the Jacksonville, St. Louis, Kansas City, and Washington Field Offices.

It is respectfully requested that the Technical Laboratory ship to the New York Office, Browning automatic rifle No. 211774, now in the Technical Laboratory.

Copies of this letter are being furnished the Kansas City and Jacksonville Offices with the request that the first named office ship to the New York Office Colt .45 calibre automatic pistol, serial No. 18001; and that the Jacksonville office ship to the New York Office, Browning automatic rifle, serial No. 211349.

The Colt automatic pistol is to be submitted to the Colt Patent Firearms Company, and the two Browning automatic rifles to the Winchester Repeating Arms Company, for comparison with identical weapons bearing same serial numbers, the property of the United States Army, which weapons have been shipped to the New York Office.

Very truly yours,

*R. Whitley*  
R. Whitley,  
Special Agent in Charge.

c/c Jacksonville  
Wash. Field  
St. Louis  
Kansas City

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Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

Re: Source of Machine Guns  
in Hands of Criminals.

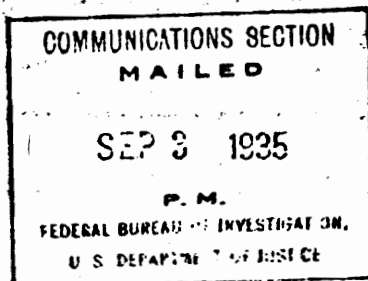
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 27, 1935  
in which it was requested that the Browning automatic rifle  
No. 211774 now in the Technical Laboratory be forwarded to  
your office.

This gun is being shipped under separate cover by  
the Railway Express Agency.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.



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September 11, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
New York, New York.

**RE: SOURCE OF MACHINE GUNS IN  
HANDS OF CRIMINALS**

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 27, 1935, which concerns the forwarding of certain guns to the New York City office, so that they may be compared with similar guns at the Colt Patent Firearms Company and the Winchester Repeating Arms Company.

It is requested that, immediately upon receipt of these guns by the New York City office, the Bureau be advised. The Bureau also desires to be informed promptly as to the results of the comparison of these guns with similar guns which have been forwarded to the New York City office by the Kansas City office, the St. Louis office and the Bureau.

The Jacksonville office, by letter dated August 29, 1935, requested permission to retain a Browning automatic rifle, Serial No. 211349, pending the completion of the trial against Joseph E. Adams and Henry "Duke" Randall in Miami, Florida, in which they are charged with violating the National Firearms Act. The Jacksonville office is herewith advised that, when this gun has served its purpose, it should immediately be forwarded to the New York City office, so that proper comparison can be made with a similar weapon now in the possession of that office.

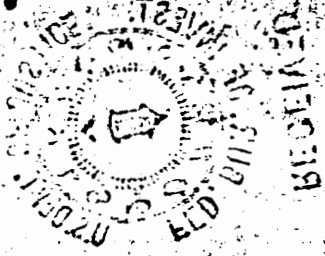
Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

CC - Jacksonville

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**1300 Liberty Trust Building  
Philadelphia Pennsylvania**

**August 26, 1935**

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter from this office dated July 20, 1935, to the Bureau in which it is stated that Agents of this office would continue to conduct a further discreet investigation at the Edgemont Inn and at the Chester Arms Hotel, Chester, Pennsylvania, for the purpose of ascertaining whether there is any connection between this investigation and the robbery of the Delaware County National Bank, Chester, Pennsylvania.

Agents John F. Sears and R. H. Hicks interviewed Miss Bloomberg, cashier and clerk at the Washington Tavern, Chester, Pa., and were informed by her that no one had registered at the tavern answering the descriptions of Subjects Karpis or Campbell. Photographs of both of these men were shown to her, but no identification was made.

At the Hotel Plaza, Chester, Pa., W. J. McGiness, clerk, was interviewed and closely questioned. He stated that no one answering the descriptions of either Campbell or Karpis had registered at that hotel.

Agents M. J. Horan and R. H. Hicks reinterviewed Joe Doubitts, proprietor of the Edgemont Inn, 519 Edgemont Avenue, Chester, Pa. Mr. Doubitts was again shown pictures of Karpis and Campbell, and positively stated that neither of these men answered the description of the man who placed the telephone call to Detroit shortly before the robbery of the bank. Mr. Doubitts was

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also shown photographs of known bank robbers, and he was unable to make any identification.

Agents Horan and Hicks reinterviewed J. M. Carpenter, manager of the Chester Arms Hotel, Chester, Pa., and he was again shown pictures of Karpis and Campbell, together with pictures of known bank robbers, and stated that no one resembling any pictures shown him had registered at the hotel.

James Thornton, day clerk at the Chester Arms Hotel, was shown the above-described pictures and he stated the only familiar face was that of Arthur "Doc" Barker. Thornton has been a clerk at the Chester Arms Hotel for the past two weeks, formerly having been employed at the Strath Haven Inn, Swarthmore, Pa. The clerk whose place he has taken was interviewed at the time of the bank robbery by Agents Sears and Hicks, and he was unable to make any identification.

Agents interviewed Charles Edward Firth, proprietor of the Imperial Hotel, and L. L. Poole, proprietor of Colonial Hotel, Mrs. Rappleye, housekeeper, and maid, and Frank Varano, manager and bartender of the Colonnade Hotel, and J. Dave Carterman, proprietor. None of these persons, when shown photographs of Karpis and Campbell and of known bank robbers, was able to make an identification.

Very truly yours,

RHH:GAM  
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cc-Chicago

R.H. Hicks *R. S. Harvey*  
R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

**U. S. Department of Justice**  
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AUGUST 26, 1935.

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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St., N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Referring to the letter from the Bureau dated July 30, 1935, there is transmitted herewith the following correspondence and visitor's record of Rocco DeGrazia, who is presently serving a sentence of eighteen months at the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

F. Speno, 1512 N. 19th. Ave., Melrose Park.  
Mrs. Margaret DeGrazia, wife, 1040 N. Elmwood Ave., Oak Park, Ill.  
Mrs. George White, mother, 1040 N. Elmwood Ave., Oak Park, Ill.  
Anna Sanpillippo, sister, 614 Lake Street, Maywood, Ill.  
Mrs. Joseph Urgo, sister, 158--24th Ave., Melrose Park, Ill.  
Christine Sanpillippo, niece, 614 Lake St., Maywood, Ill.  
Ruth Petero, friend, 130--14th Ave., Maywood, Ill.  
M. Taurie, friend, 906-23rd Ave., Melrose Park, Ill.  
Charles Reagan, friend, 65 Delacy St., Rochester, N. Y.  
Bill Moffett, 4900 West End Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
Joe DeGrazia, 2101 West Lake St., Melrose Park, Ill.  
Nick DeGrazia, 802 N. 6th Ave., Maywood, Ill.  
Frances DeGrazia, sister, 6 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
Mrs. James Gaurine, sister, 810 N. 8th Ave., Maywood, Ill.  
Howard Hogan, Y.M.C.A. Hotel, Chicago, Ill.  
Bert Maulton, Michigan Hotel, Chicago, Ill.  
Bill Moffitt, 1086 Halstead St., Chicago, Ill.  
Howard Hogan, 826 So. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.  
Bonita Bolt, 1224 N. Kenilworth, Oak Park, Ill.  
Estelle Guarine, 130 S. 14th Ave., Maywood, Ill.  
Ramona Stacey, 609 S. 7th Ave., Maywood, Ill.  
Henry L. Balaban, Suite 838-11 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.

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Peter Pisano, 149 Broadway, Melrose Park, Chicago, Ill.  
Nicholas DeGrazia, 9th Ave. and Lake St., Melrose, Park.  
Eugene Bernstein, Lawyer, Temple Building, 77 W. Washington St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

VISITORS RECORD

March 8, 1935, Mrs. Margaret DeGrazia, wife, 1040 N. Elmwood Ave.,  
Oak Park.  
April 2, 1935, " " " " " " " " " " " "  
April 2, 1935, Mr. Andrew DeGrazia, Division & 23rd., Melrose Park, brother.  
May 7, 1935, " " " " " " " " " " " "  
May 7, 1935, Mrs. Margaret DeGrazia, wife, 1040 N. Elmwood Ave., Oak Park.  
June 4, 1935, " " " " " " " " " " " "  
June 4, 1935, Mrs. Mary Guian, 810 N. 8th Ave., Maywood, Ill., sister.  
June 4, 1935, Mrs. Anna Sanpippo, 616 Lake & 24th Ave., Melrose Park.  
June 4, 1935, Andrew DeGrazia, Division and 23rd., Melrose Park.  
July 10, 1935, " " " " " " " " " " " "  
July 10, 1935, Mrs. Margaret DeGrazia, wife, 1040 N. Elmwood Ave., Oak Park.  
August 7, 1935, Mr. Andrew DeGrazia, Division & 23rd., Melrose Park.  
August 7, 1935, Mrs. Mildred Urgo, 24th & Lake St., Melrose Park.

RELATIVE SHEET

Nicholas DeGrazia, Bowling Alley, 7th Ave., Oak Park, Ill.  
Anthony DeGrazia, Address Unknown.  
Andrew DeGrazia, Bowling Alley, Division & 23rd, Melrose, Park.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
E. E. CONROY,  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE.

AJN:SW

cc-Chicago  
cc-St. Paul  
cc-Cincinnati.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 26, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

The report of Special Agent A. J. Norstrom, dated at Kansas City, Missouri August 24, 1935 in the above case, discloses the following information which will be of interest to you:

Volney Davis, upon being interviewed at the Leavenworth Penitentiary, advised that shortly after the battle at Little Bohemia, Bobby and Joie O'Brien, members of the Capone syndicate, whom you will recall are operators of the Hi Ho Club, a rendezvous for the Dillinger gang in Chicago, came to his home at Aurora, Illinois, requesting that he meet them, the O'Briens, and members of the Barker-Karpis crowd at the Seafood Inn on North Avenue, Elmhurst, Illinois; that upon arrival at this Inn he, Davis, met Doc Barker and that shortly thereafter John Hamilton arrived in company with Homer Van Meter, Dillinger and Bobby and Joie O'Brien. Hamilton was taken to Volney Davis' apartment, 415 Fox Street, Aurora, Illinois and died on the following evening as the result of gangrene. Hamilton is reported to have been shot in the liver. The bullet is said to have mushroomed. The gang was unable to secure medical assistance, Dr. Joseph P. Moran refusing to render aid because he was on the "outs" with the Dillinger crowd.

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Davis stated that after Little Bohemia's battle, Hamilton was taken to a saloon in Chicago by Bobby and Joie O'Brien, but that the syndicate refused to permit him to stay in Chicago because he was too "hot". It is suggested that this saloon was probably the Hi Ho Club of which the O'Briens are proprietors. This place is well known to the Chicago office.

Hamilton is reported to have been buried by Volney Davis, Doc Barker, Dillinger, Van Meter, William Weaver and Harry Campbell at a place approximately ten miles south of Aurora. The above mentioned report gives a detailed description of the place where the grave is said to be located and Davis has furnished a map which may assist in locating the body. The grave is said to be located in a gravel pit, the grave being approximately two feet deep. When Hamilton's body was placed therein approximately ten small cans of lye were thrown over his face and body so that his body could not be identified. This grave is supposed to have been marked by Davis by placing a roll of rusty wire over the grave. Davis declared that Hamilton had a large number of gold teeth in his mouth which might assist in identifying the body. Hamilton is reported to

Mr. Nathan ✓  
Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. Baughman  
Chief Clerk  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Edwards  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Foxworth  
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Mr. Joseph  
Mr. Keith  
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have been buried in a blue serge suit and his felt hat was thrown into the grave. Hamilton's death took place approximately ten days after he was shot upon fleeing from Little Bohemia.

With regard to the death of Earl Christman, the former male companion of Helen Ferguson, Davis stated that he received the sum of \$700 for nursing Christman; that Christman was placed in the home of June Kathrens after being wounded in the bank robbery at Fairbury, Nebraska; that Christman was attended by Dr. Nigro, a close friend of the late John Lazia; that Dr. Nigro was accompanied by Fitz Mulloy each time Christman was attended by the doctor; that in fear the neighbors would become suspicious Christman was removed from Kathrens' home to the home of Vernon C. Miller, Edgevale Road, Kansas City, Missouri; that his wound mended satisfactorily until one day he sat up without assistance, rupturing the wound received in his left lung, as the result of which he died. Davis declared that he was not present at the time of Christman's death, but stated that it was his understanding Christman was buried in the back yard garden at the home of Mulloy in Kansas City, Missouri.

With regard to William Harrison, Davis stated that his information came from Elmer Farmer and was secured while they were cell mates in the Ramsey County Jail at St. Paul, Minnesota. Davis stated that Harrison was killed by Byron Bolton and Doc Barker; that his death resulted from the fact that he advised Ruth Heidt of the location of the Barker mob in Florida; that Ruth Heidt told Doc Barker she had been so advised; that Doc Barker felt Harrison was talking too freely and enlisted the cooperation of Bolton and Farmer in putting Harrison "out of the way"; that they conceived a plan whereby Harrison was to secure certain amounts of the Bremer ransom money due him which was to be located in a abandoned factory about fifteen miles from Bensenville, Illinois; that Farmer and Harrison were to make an attempt to find this money, at which time Doc Barker and Bolton would kill Harrison. These plans, according to Davis, were supposed to have been carried out. Harrison entered the doorway of the factory, hesitating a moment, at which time Barker and Bolton mowed him down with machine gun fire. His body was placed in an upright position on a support made of heavy timbers and the factory was set on fire. It is Davis' belief that the bones may be found at the scene of this fire.

In corroboration of these statements, Davis declared that while in the isolation ward at the Leavenworth Penitentiary he asked Doc Barker whether this information was correct or not, Doc Barker replying that he, Davis, had received the correct information. The shooting of Harrison is reported to have taken place about six or seven days prior to the time that Barker was apprehended in Chicago by Bureau Agents. It is my recollection that when Fred Barker and



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"Ma" Barker were killed at Oklawaha, Florida, Mr. E. J. Connelley found a letter on the premises which was written by Doc Barker to Fred Barker shortly before Doc Barker's apprehension, in which Doc Barker indicated that he had recently "bumped off" some one.

With regard to the alleged death of Dr. Moran, Davis reported that Russell Gibson, Doc Barker and Dr. Moran were drinking in Ted Angus' saloon in Toledo, Ohio and became engaged in a drunken brawl, at which time Moran made the assertion that he had the gang in the palm of his hand; that as the result of this statement, Dr. Moran was taken out of the saloon, was shot and his body disposed of by throwing it in Lake Erie after weighing it down with heavy stones. It is Davis' belief that Ted Angus furnished a speed boat to be used in disposing of Moran's body.

The most recent information as to William Weaver came from Volney Davis also. One Al Sherwood, employed at Tom Hill's place in South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, advised Davis that one James White, a parole convict of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary who had been serving a life sentence for murder, had recently visited the William Weaver farm which Davis believes is located in Mississippi. Davis stated that James White is now supposed to be working for the Peoples Drug Stores Company in Washington, D. C. and has a brother who is either now or has been a detective on the Metropolitan Police force in Washington, D. C. for a number of years; that Weaver corresponds with White, Weaver using the name Bill Dooley.

Respectfully,

*K. R. McIntire*

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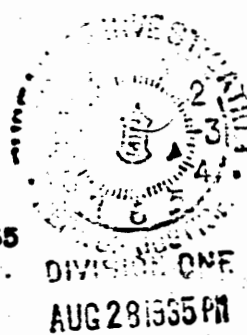
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Room 1403,  
370 Lexington Avenue,  
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August 27, 1935



Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th St. N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

**Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL  
FIREARMS ACT.**

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter directed to the Bureau by the Boston office dated August 21, 1935 and teletype message from the Bureau to the New York Office dated August 20, 1935, requesting specimen of the handwriting of Mead for the issuance of an Identification Order for the latter.

With a view to obtaining additional data for an Identification Order to be issued for William E. Mead, Special Agent William J. McNulty of this office conferred with Post Office Inspector Herbert Graham at New York City, at which time the description of Mead as set out in reference letter of the Boston office dated August 21, 1935, was discussed. Mr. Graham stated that the only information of value that he could add to the description of Mead was that the latter claimed to him to have been 59 years of age in the year 1933; that he was born at Cedar Falls, Iowa, has gray hair, is practically bald, has ruddy complexion, and every now and then grows a mustache, gray in color; that he has no living relatives; that during the years 1928 to 1934, Mead resided at 1533 Fargo Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Mead's wife has a brother John A. Schmidt, residing at 369 North 23rd Street, Portland, Oregon and a sister, Mrs. C. A. (Mary) Baxter of 1437 Polk Street, San Francisco, California.

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Mr. Graham furnished Agent McNulty with a specimen of Mead's handwriting, including his signature, which was written on stationery of the Hotel Paxton, Omaha, Nebraska in the year 1931. Mr. Graham requested that the enclosed specimen of Mead's handwriting be returned to him after it has served its purpose. The specimen of handwriting is being enclosed with this communication for the Bureau in connection with the issuance of an Identification Order for Mead.

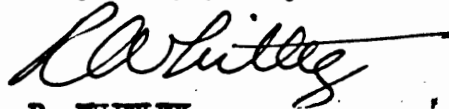
There appears under the signature of W. E. Mead

"912 Republic Bldg."

the writing of which Mr. Graham believes is not Mead's.

The enclosed specimen of Mead's handwriting should be returned to the New York Bureau Office after its purpose has been served so that it can be returned to Mr. Graham.

Very truly yours,



R. WHITLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc- Boston  
cc- Cincinnati  
cc- St. Paul  
cc- Chicago

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RE NEW YORK FILE NO. 72120

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August 27, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Boston, Massachusetts.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Your attention is directed to Bureau letter dated July 25, 1935 in which your office was specifically requested to immediately undertake a thorough and vigorous investigation of the actions of the attorneys of Boston and Northampton, Massachusetts who arranged for the bond of William E. Heade and assisted in obtaining his release from the custody of the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department on the morning of July 14, 1935.

Your attention is now directed to Bureau teletype message dated August 20, 1935 in which you were again requested to expedite this investigation. The Bureau has caused a review to be made of the reports emanating from the Boston office with regard to William Elmer Heade and fails to observe any instance in which you have conducted investigation as the Bureau has requested specifically on two occasions. The Bureau wants you to understand that it will not tolerate any dilatory practices and expects you to immediately initiate the investigation which is specifically requested by the Bureau.

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The report of Special Agent Paul M. Plunkett, dated at Boston, Massachusetts on July 29, 1935, discloses that Attorney Callahan was interviewed but that an independent investigation would be conducted. The Bureau has no knowledge of an independent investigation thus far. It is again specifically requested that you initiate an immediate investigation in an effort to comply with the instructions of the Bureau in its letter dated July 25, 1935. Reports emanating from the Boston office indicate that Officer Kelley of the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department telephonically communicated with the Boston, Massachusetts Police Department in an effort to ascertain any information outstanding with regard to Heade. You should consider the advisability of conducting a discreet investigation through the Boston Police Department in order to ascertain whether Attorney Callahan secured his information concerning Heade through a leak in the Boston Police Department.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION,

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Reference is now made to the report of Special Agent H. A. Martin, dated at Boston, Massachusetts August 15, 1935, which report discloses that

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Attorney James P. Mahoney of Springfield, Massachusetts has entered suit against the police officers of the Northampton, Massachusetts Police Department for the return of Heade's automobile. It would appear that some information of value could be secured as to the location of Heade by conducting an investigation with regard to this matter. The same report discloses that Attorney Mahoney is presently in Europe and is not expected to return to the United States until on or about September 15, 1935. It would appear, however, that an investigation could go forward in his absence.

The Bureau desires that a report in this matter be submitted by you not later than September 4, 1935.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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Post Office Box 4907,  
Jacksonville, Florida

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Atlanta, Georgia

AUG 30 1935

Dear Sir:

Please be advised that on August 12, 1935, the Chief of Police at Jacksonville, Florida, received a Western-Union telegram from Darien, Georgia, quoted as follows:

"GRAY LASSALLE COUPE JUST LEFT THIS PLACE TWO MEN BOTH  
BRACE OF REVOLVERS

(SIGNED) CITIZENS"

Several days later the Chief of Police at Jacksonville received an anonymous letter from Darien, Georgia, dated August 20, 1935, referring to the above telegram. A copy of this communication furnished this office by the Jacksonville Police Department is enclosed. The information contained therein, in substance, is as follows:

The author indicates that several days ago at his expense he sent a wire to the Jacksonville Police Department advising that two suspicious characters had just gone through Darien; that they were driving a new LaSalle coupe, tan in color, with New Hampshire license tags on same, the number not being obtained. That one man was about 44 years of age, about five feet, eight inches in height; weighed about one hundred and sixty or one hundred and seventy pounds; his hair was brown, eyes believed to be steel gray, and had large ears, and had a mean eye. He had two automatic pistols on his person when he walked into a certain drug store in Darien and asked for a drink of water, or ordered a drink of water. That he had the appearance of being a foreigner, and his complexion was rather pale; looked as though he might have been under cover for some time. That his companion was likewise armed and was a young man about 24 years of age; had rather a pleasant face, blue eyes, light hair, rosy or ruddy complexion; height about five feet, nine inches, and he was driving the car.

The anonymous author requested the Jacksonville Police Department to send him a photograph of Karpis and, after viewing same, he would be able to tell whether the man was Karpis. He further stated in his letter that he never forgets a face once he has observed it. He claims he is satisfied he has seen the older man before; that is, a picture of him in newspapers.

This information is furnished to you for such action as it is believed it warrants. The Jacksonville Police Department has been unable to locate the aforescribed LaSalle coupe.

*Edward J. Bremer*

To the Atlanta office

8/27/35

It is respectfully suggested that when next an Agent is in Darien, Georgia, that he call at the drug store and make appropriate inquiry concerning the information in the anonymous letter. If my memory serves me correctly, there is only one drug store in the town of Darien.

Very truly yours,

R. A. Alt,  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Post Office Box 515  
Saint Paul, Minnesota

August 17, 1935

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

~~PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL~~

In view of recent developments in the Bremer and Weyerhaeuser cases, I feel that you should be advised of the set up of this office at the present time, with reference to personnel.

Special Agents I. W. Duffy and R. T. Noonan are devoting all of their time to the Weyerhaeuser case in the surveillance of the relatives of DAINARD at Crookston, Mentor, Bagley, and vicinity. Their assignment in northern Minnesota, of course, is for an indefinite period, in line with Mr. Connelley's direction.

Special Agent John V. Anderson and Special Agent E. N. Notestein are on a telephone tap and surveillance of DAINARD'S uncle, Daniel O. Quesnel, and are quartered at 4228 - 6th Street Northeast, Columbia Heights, Minnesota. Their assignment likewise is for an indefinite period.

Special Agent (A) G. A. Paulson, and M. V. Kirkland, and Special Agent R. C. Suran who came here from Chicago, at the present time are engaged in surveillance and telephone tapping, and are located in the Park Apartments in Mankato, Minnesota. As you will recall, they are covering BELLE BORN, paramour of CHARLES FITZGERALD, who is being sought in connection with the Bremer case.

Special Agent F. C. Guerrero is devoting his entire time to War Risk Insurance cases, it being noted that about fifty cases are scheduled to be tried

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Mr. Tolson ✓  
Mr. C. E. Quinn ✓  
Chief Clerk ✓  
Mr. Clegg ✓  
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Mr. Egan ✓  
Mr. Foxworth ✓  
Mr. Harbo ✓  
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in this district within the next few months. Several of these cases have not been investigated to date as they were recently referred to this office by the United States Attorney.

Special Agent Clinton Stein is engaged solely in making contacts and correlating information in the file pertaining to the Weyerhaeuser case.

From the foregoing it will be noted that at the present time I have but three agents in this office for general assignment; namely, S. W. Hardy, F. G. Tillman, and Robert Tonis.

In order that the work at this office may be kept up to date, it is respectfully requested that one agent be assigned here, at least for a temporary period, to devote his time exclusively to War Risk Insurance cases, and that two other agents be assigned to this office to work on general assignments during the continuation of the surveillances now maintained as outlined above.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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AIR MAIL

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 24, 1935.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Mr. Nathan	✓
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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Scheidt	
Mr. Schilder	
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	
Miss Gandy	

The following are the developments in the above  
entitled case for the week including August 24, 1935:

The Chicago Office has arranged for properly  
covering [REDACTED]

Edith Barry is the reported contact between [REDACTED]  
and an agent is conducting  
investigation at Sault Ste Marie in an effort to locate the  
"Lakeside Inn", a reported rendezvous for Karpis and Campbell,  
[REDACTED]

Plans are being made to place a telephone tap on  
the telephone of Eddie Donovan of Chicago.

Information has recently been received from the  
New York Office indicating that Alvin Karpis is now residing  
at the Empire Hotel. This information was secured from Andrew  
Gurante, who volunteered the information. Mr. Gurante is well  
acquainted with Joe Adams, proprietor of the El Commodore Hotel  
in Miami, Florida, and recalls having seen certain members of  
the Barker-Karpis Gang in Miami during the fall of 1934. The  
New York Office has stationed two agents in the Empire Hotel in  
an effort to secure further information along this line.

Special Agent F. S. Smith of the Oklahoma City Office  
has recently contacted Jack Glynn of Leavenworth, Kansas. Glynn,  
it will be recalled, was instrumental in securing the release of  
Arthur "Doc" Barker and Volney Davis from the Oklahoma State Peni-  
tentiary. Glynn has promised to be of assistance to Agent Smith

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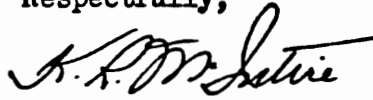
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in an effort to apprehend Harry Campbell, Alvin Karpis, and other members of this group. It is understood that Agent Smith will continue his conversation with Glynn from time to time.

Information has been received from the El Paso Office to the effect that a confidential informant observed William Weaver and Alvin Karpis in a sporting house in Jaurez, Mexico, on or about August 11, or 12, 1935. The El Paso Office is keeping in constant communication with the informant in an effort to secure further information.

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.

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 Chief Clerk  
 Mr. Clegg  
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PHONE BREKID INFORMANT HERE STILL CONFIDENT CONTACT WILL GO THRU AND  
IS WILLING TO FOLLOW ANY SUGGESTED COURSE. HOWEVER BELIEVE IN  
VIEW INDICATION EDITH BARRY IS ABSENT FROM TOLEDO SHE IS NOW  
MAKING SOME CONTACT OR ARRANGEMENT. WE ARE MAINTAINING  
SURVEILLANCE. SAC BLAKE WAS APPROACHED BY ONE MAXWELL, A JEWISH  
BOY ABOUT 25 CLAIMS EXCONVICT OUT OF MISSOURI PEN AND BROTHER OF  
SAMMY STEIN REPUTEDLY KILLED IN ROBBERY IN MINNEAPOLIS SIX YEARS AGO  
AND MAXWELL CLAIMS CAN PUT KARPIS ON SPOT EITHER AT DETROIT WINDSOR  
OR HAMILTON CANADA OR BROWNSVILLE BROOKLYN NEW YORK. MAXWELL ALIAS  
STEIN AGE 25 5 FOOT 7 INCHES 172 POUNDS BLUE GRAY EYES CURLEY CHEST-  
NUT HAIR SIDE BURNS LARGE NOSE JEWISH LAZY, T SCAR LEFT FOREHEAD.  
I BELIEVE CONTACT SHOULD BE KEPT WITH THIS ALLEGED INFORMANT FOR  
POSSIBLE FUTURE USE AS AT PRESENT HE MIGHT IF HE WENT TO DETROIT  
OR VICINITY INTERFERE WITH OUR SETUP. INFORMANT  
HAS DEVELOPED NOTHING HERE AND PROBABLY WILL RETURN CALIFORNIA FIRST  
OF WEEK.

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E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
428 U. S. Custom House & P. O.,  
Cincinnati, Ohio.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE,  
I.O. 1218, ET AL; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER,  
Victim - KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 14, 1935, re-  
lating to the manner in which it is alleged that Jack Glynn, former  
Chief of Police at Leavenworth, obtained paroles for certain of the sub-  
jects in this case from the McAlester Penitentiary.

In this connection, I am transmitting herewith two  
copies of a memorandum prepared by Special Agent F. S. Smith of this  
office with respect to an interview had by him with Glynn recently.

The suggestion contained in your letter that it may be  
desirable to develop any and all possible information which would re-  
flect a violation of the part of Glynn in obtaining these paroles is  
noted, but in view of the circumstances now existing in relation to our  
efforts to obtain information from Glynn, this angle of the matter will be  
held in abeyance.

The Bureau has already been furnished copies of the memo-  
randum of Agent Smith.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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DIVISION ONE

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722 Midland Savings Bldg.  
Denver, Colo.  
August 12, 1935

TO ALL BANKS:

In connection with an investigation being conducted by this Bureau in a kidnaping case, it has been learned that the kidnapers obtained a large number of \$1,000 bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, with serial numbers beginning with F-00022451A, and ending with F-00022500a.

Will you kindly have a check made of your bank to determine if any \$1,000 bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank and containing a serial coming within the above inclusive numbers are in your possession at the present time.

If any are found, it would be appreciated if you would immediately telephone the undersigned at Main 6241. If none of the bills are at present in your possession, will you kindly make arrangements so that in the event any of these bills are received at your bank, same will be discovered and this office notified immediately.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

E. P. GUINANE,  
Special Agent in Charge

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

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REPORT MADE AT <b>Denver, Colo.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/26/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/13, 23/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. P. GUINANE</b> <span style="float: right;">MT</span>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O.1218; HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O.1236; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1232; WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O.1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O.1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I.O.1241; et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER--Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING - HARBORING AND OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE - NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>RECEIVED FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AUG 29 1935 AM</p> </div> <div style="width: 65%;"> <p>All banks in Colorado and Wyoming sent circular letter with request to be on lookout for \$1,000 bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank with Nos. F-00022451A to F-00022500A, inclusive, and to advise this office immediately if any of these bills were located. No information received indicating any of these bills are in this territory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> </div> </div>			
<p>REFERENCES: Letter from the Cincinnati Office, dated 7/30/35. Letter from SAC Connelly, Chicago, dated 8/16/35. Report of Special Agent A. R. Gere, Denver, 8/8/35.</p>			
<p>DETAILS:</p> <p>A circular letter was prepared and sent to all banks in Colorado and Wyoming, copy of which is transmitted herewith for the information of the Bureau and the Cincinnati Office, on August 13, 1935, requesting all banks to determine if any \$1,000 bills issued by the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank, with serial numbers beginning with F-00022451A and ending with F-00022500A, was in the possession of these banks; and, also requesting the banks to make arrangements so that in the event any of these bills were received at any of the banks, this office would be notified immediately.</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>E. P. Guinane</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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At the time of the writing of this report, no information has been received indicating that any of the bills have been found in any of the banks in this district.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE DENVER OFFICE: At Glenwood Springs, Colorado, will ascertain whether Louis Alterie maintained an interest in a ranch at Sweetwater Lake, Colorado, and whether the Subjects of this case have put in their appearance at this ranch within the past year.

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August 27, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Washington, D. C.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218; et al - EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER, Victim; Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

This will advise you that on even date Mr. Isaac Carrington, 1117 9th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C., called at the Bureau and advised that there is an individual hanging around the Mt. Vernon Pool Room, located at 937 9th Street, Northwest, who very strongly resembles Alvin Karpis. It is his desire that an Agent be detailed to accompany him to the above mentioned pool room in order that the Agent may definitely ascertain whether said party is identical with Alvin Karpis. According to Mr. Carrington, the party believed to be Karpis has been frequenting the vicinity of this pool room for approximately one month and Mr. Carrington stated that he fits Karpis' description rather well, although there are some discrepancies. Mr. Carrington furnished the following description of the party believed to be Karpis:

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Height  
Hair  
Scars  
Appearance  
Habits

29 years  
135 pounds  
wears glasses, type unknown  
sharp  
5' 8"  
dark brown  
none noticed  
stands erect  
indulges in pool, playing  
for money and appears to  
have plenty of money.

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Mr. Carrington stated that this man does not pal around with any one in particular and he has never observed this individual driving an automobile. This party is said to go about in his shirt sleeves but occasionally wears a jacket or a sweater. Mr. Carrington does not know where this party is presently living and stated that this individual does not conduct himself in a suspicious manner.

Mr. Carrington requested that an Agent meet him at his, Carrington's,

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residence, which is noted above, at 1:00 P. M. on August 28, 1935. It is kindly requested that you arrange to have an Agent call upon Mr. Carrington at 1:00 P. M. on August 28, 1935, at which time Mr. Carrington will point out the party to the Agent who is believed by Mr. Carrington to be identical with Alvin Karpis.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.



Agent F S Smith reports interview with  
J T Glynn; believes he can get Glynn to assist  
in locating Karpis; that Glynn has the necessary  
contacts and connections etc.  
Requests Bureau advice.

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\_\_\_\_ Mechanical Section  
\_\_\_\_ Chief Clerk's Office  
\_\_\_\_ Technical Laboratory

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\_\_\_\_ Mr. Weeks  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Grimsdell

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\_\_\_\_ Mr. Foxworth  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Chambers

\_\_\_\_ Miss Gandy  
\_\_\_\_ Miss McCarthy  
\_\_\_\_ Miss Conlon  
\_\_\_\_ Mr. Ward  
\_\_\_\_ *R. M. Dwyer*

\_\_\_\_ Correct  
\_\_\_\_ Re-write  
\_\_\_\_ Re-date  
\_\_\_\_ See me  
\_\_\_\_ Send file  
\_\_\_\_ Note and Return  
\_\_\_\_ Please call me concerning this  
\_\_\_\_ Search, serialize and route

*Write Brantley on mail  
authorizing Smith to return  
to New York whenever  
necessary. E. A. Tamm - Room 5107.*

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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
August 21, 1935Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Personal and Confidential

Dear Sir:

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

I am transmitting herewith copies of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent Frank S. Smith covering the results of his contact with John T. Glynn at Leavenworth, Kansas recently, in accordance with Bureau instructions.

It will be noted that Agent Smith indicated to Glynn that he would probably be back in Leavenworth within ten days' time. In view of the possibility that exists in connection with the contact of Agent Smith with Glynn, it is believed that it might prove of value to have Agent Smith again contact Glynn about August 28th or 29th. The Bureau's views in this respect are requested, as well as the authority for Agent Smith to make the necessary travel in connection therewith, to Leavenworth, Kansas.

In view of the confidential nature of the information set forth in the memorandum of Agent Smith, copies of his memorandum are not being supplied to the other offices at this time in the absence of Bureau instructions to that effect.

Agent Smith is presently contacting Elmer Inman, who is in custody at Claremore, Oklahoma, and making confidential inquiry of certain officials at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, Oklahoma in connection with this case.

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Very truly yours,

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DWIGHT BRANTLEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Mr. E. J. Connelley,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 812,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Re: Alvin Karpis with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

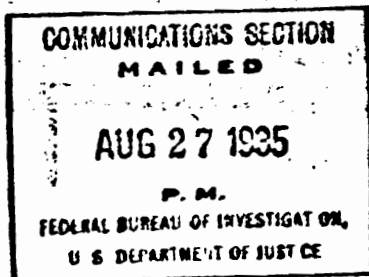
I am herewith inclosing for your confidential information copies of a memorandum submitted by Special Agent F. S. Smith. This memorandum has to do with information obtained by Agent Smith from John T. (Jack) Glynn, with regard to the location and apprehension of the fugitive members of the Karpis-Barker gang.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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cc-San Francisco (Incl. copies of memo from  
Special Agent F. S. Smith)



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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,

August 20, 1935.

MEMORANDUM

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
Kidnaping.

Based on the theory that a revival of a very personal acquaintance existing between the writer and John T. (Jack) Glynn of Leavenworth, Kansas, might result favorably in obtaining information of interest in locating Fugitive Alvin Karpis; on instructions from Mr. Tamm at the Bureau, I contacted Glynn at Leavenworth with the following results:

Before contacting Glynn, I reviewed the files in this case at the Kansas City Office with respect to previous interviews had with Glynn at Leavenworth; I made inquiry for Glynn at the National Hotel, Leavenworth, without disclosing my identity, which place Glynn has established as a headquarters or lounging place, and through the Clerk I was advised that he was temporarily out, but that he would get in touch with him by phone which he did, advising me that he was at the Ray Hotel, 102 South 32d Street waiting on a long distance call, and requested that I come there.

I met Glynn at the Ray Hotel, a small, mediocre place, with a saloon attached. The place in every respect resembled a "joint". There were four men in shirt sleeves present in the lobby conversing with Glynn when I entered, all of whom rather mysteriously disappeared after I entered into conversation with Glynn.

Glynn informed me when we met that he was waiting on some telephone calls, and was called to the telephone booth 3 times--each time talking in a low tone which I could not overhear. After a preliminary discussion of happenings in the past and our mutual pleasure at meeting, Glynn inquired as to whom I was connected with. On being advised of my connection with the Bureau, he asked me if he could be of any assistance to me. I told him that I had been assigned to apprehend Karpis. He stated that there was a time that he could have helped me wonderfully,

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but that at the present time he did not know where Karpis was. He then drifted into the story of his acquaintance with the Barker "gang" reiterating his statements previously made concerning his assistance in obtaining the release of Doyle from the Lansing prison, and at the instigation of Doyle, the release of Doc Barker and Volney Davis from the Oklahoma State prison. He stated that his interest in securing their release was the same as an alibi—"for the fees he recovered." He stated that after their release, they frequented Leavenworth with Karpis, Doyle, Fred Barker and one Harry Hull who was occasionally with them; that he gained the impression that they were running liquor in a "big way" and robbing a safe occasionally; that they always patronized the National Hotel at Leavenworth; that several times at the request of Karpis, who he knew as "Chi", he took money to the Lansing prison where it was left for some of his friends; that on one Christmas, Karpis wanted to send some packages in to some friends at Leavenworth prison, one of whom was Doc Barker; that he, Glynn, went to the assistant warden and inquired as to the rules in that connection and was advised that there would be no objection if the packages were sent in by reputable firms or persons; that he and Karpis then visited a local store and had some packages prepared and sent to his friends at Leavenworth. He stated that the Barker-Karpis gang was entirely out of their line when they entered the kidnaping racket; that they were unquestionably promoted into the game by someone around St. Paul and that he was surprised that the Government had never gotten under that angle of the case. He stated that this Harry Hull was with the mob when they first went to St. Paul; that he, Glynn, received a wire from Doc Barker at St. Paul telling him that if Hull showed up at Leavenworth to keep him there until they arrived; that within a few days Doc Barker and Harry Campbell appeared and told him that Hull had "beat them staying awake for a bank roll." Barker stated that he would get him, Hull, if he had to cover the whole country. Glynn stated that Hull had never since shown up and it is his, Glynn's, belief that they dropped him in a "hole"; that Hull had a bad knife-cut scar on his neck and did time at Granite, Oklahoma prison and was a tough looking fellow.

Glynn stated on several occasions some of the mob would show up at Leavenworth without Karpis and that he, Glynn, would inquire about him and they, on each occasion, told him that Karpis was in San Francisco and remarked that he liked that place. Glynn remarked that if he was making a rough guess as to Karpis' whereabouts, he would guess "Frisco".

Glynn asked me if I knew that Harry Campbell had a sister at Tulsa, Oklahoma and on being advised that I had just entered on the case and was not familiar with all facts, he remarked that she would be a wonderful source through which to catch "Harry" or "Chi." He stated that he was recently advised that she has a friend in Lansing, Kansas prison whom she desired to

visit—he was requested to make the necessary arrangements, when she desired. Glynn stated that there is no question as to Doc Barker and Davis knowing the whereabouts of Karpis and that there is no question but that Karpis will lend them all the help he can; that with the proper set up "Chi" could be located through Doc Barker and Volney and that he, Glynn, could get the information but that he did not feel inclined to double-cross them after having had their confidence. I endeavored to inform Glynn of the fact that they would unquestionably be caught and that a substantial amount would be paid for the information that would capture Karpis and Campbell and that such information would be handled confidentially and that he could rely on me in the event he determined to "go the route" to treat his connection strictly confidential and to deliver to him such amount as the Government would pay. He appeared to become very much interested and acquiesced in my statement that they would surely be caught, and remarked that he would like to do me a good turn and incidentally make the money also.

I asked Glynn just how he would proceed if he determined to help me and he stated that old man Barker was recently up there with a lawyer; that he knows the old man personally; that he would contact him and arrange to carry some message to Doc Barker which would afford him a reason for visiting Doc Barker whose only hope is relief from the outside; that he is hopelessly finished because of his incarceration in Alcatraz for life; that unquestionably Barker and Davis will want contact made with Karpis and that he feels that both of them will trust him to do this. He stated that he felt that he would have no trouble in obtaining information of interest from Campbell's sister in Tulsa.

At this juncture Glynn stated that he would figure the matter out and asked me for my personal address—which was given him. He again warned me that anything he did must be treated strictly confidential, stating that he would let me hear from him in a short time. I suggested that he use an assumed name and express himself in few words if he wired me and I would understand and come to him immediately. I further told him that I would be at Kansas City within the next 10 days and would get in touch with him.

Jack Glynn is a man of great experience in his line as a detective; knows the underworld of notes; and is very cagey—therefore, it was strategy on my part to listen and not ask too many pertinent questions.

I was encouraged with the attitude expressed by Glynn and rather suspect that he may lend some valuable assistance in this case, especially if he is handled properly. I feel that I should contact Glynn, personally, within the next ten days, and if in my opinion it warrants, advance him some expense money, which procedure would, to some extent, obligate him to carry on.

*Frank S. Smith*  
FRANK S. SMITH,  
Special Agent.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 21, 1935.

Time - 10:00 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Karpis Gang.

Mr. Cormack of the Miami Daily Tribune, Miami, Florida, telephoned for Mr. Keith as he said he knew him personally but on being told Mr. Keith was not in this office he gave the following message. Mr. Cormack stated that last Sunday in Miami a man named A. G. Weitz was arrested drunk after getting in an accident and was fined in the City Court on Monday and held in jail until today when the County Solicitor filed an information against Weitz charging him with reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident, illegal possession of firearms and other offences, whereupon he was transferred to the County jail where he was being held under \$2,000 bond. Mr. Cormack advised that when Weitz was arrested he was driving a Lincoln sedan with New Orleans license plates, had a Winchester rifle, an automatic pistol, a lot of ammunition and \$8,000 in cash.

Mr. Cormack stated his paper published a story about the above incident and tonight an unidentified woman telephoned the office of the Tribune and stated Weitz was a member of the Karpis gang; that because of the campaign carried on in the Miami-Biltmore jewel case and others the Tribune receives a number of tips quite a few of which are fruitful. Mr. Cormack further stated he telephoned Agent Fitzsimmons who advised he could not leave his house because he was awaiting a telephone call from Jacksonville on another matter. Mr. Cormack wished to know if any action could be taken. He was informed the information would be transmitted to the proper Bureau official and action would be taken at once. Mr. Cormack was thanked for this information.

Mr. Tamm was notified of the above and a telegraphic message was sent to the Jacksonville office.

Respectfully,

O. E. Pagan  
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Date May 22, 1935.

Mr. J. E. Hoover,  
Director, Bureau of Investigation,  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Following are the dispositions of cases on which  
fingerprints have been mailed to the Bureau of Investiga-  
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Very truly yours,

H. E. ANDERSEN.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1218; ET AL;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING, ETC.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to letter from the Philadelphia Office dated August 17, 1935, in which it was requested that Special Agent J. R. Sharp advise your office of the disposition of the original notes made by Special Agent E. F. Meekins taken at the time of the inspection of the Buick automobile abandoned by subjects Karpis and Campbell at Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Agent Sharp advises that these notes were turned over to him by Special Agent Meekins at Atlantic City, New Jersey, and that he used them in the dictation of his report in the above entitled case, dated February 8, 1935, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. To the best of Agent Sharp's recollection, these notes were at that time placed along with numerous other notes and memoranda used in the dictation of that report in a brown envelope which was to be attached to the file at the completion of the report. The notes were not retained by Agent Sharp and if they are not presently in an envelope attached to the Philadelphia Office file, they must have been misplaced after the dictation of the above report. Agent Sharp advises that he was extremely careful in retaining all notes and memoranda which appeared would be of value at any subsequent date and he feels confident that these notes were turned over to the Chief Clerk in the Philadelphia Office after the dictation of his report. Agent Sharp advises further that

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in view of the fact from the notes of Agent Mockins' inspection of the car the motor number did not correspond with the motor number given in the Bureau wire dated January 20, 1935, that he called Special Agent H. O. Schroeder from Philadelphia, Schroeder at that time being stationed at Atlantic City, and requested Schroeder to again check the motor number of the Buick Sedan. Schroeder found that number to be 42949155, as set out on page 22 of Agent Sharp's report, and this number corresponded to the number written on Agent Mockins' original notes. Agent Sharp subsequently examined this car himself at the time he recovered it from the Atlantic City Police on or about February 1, 1935, and that he found on close inspection that the motor number of the car was 42949155 and that the serial number was 2783523. Agent Sharp advises that he had noted these numbers on the back of a small card contained in his bill fold at that time and that he still retains this card with these notations.

Very truly yours,

cc. Bureau  
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W. A. SMITH,  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218; ET AL  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-30

confidential informants residing near Mankato, Minnesota, who are cooperating with this Bureau, have advised that the wife of O. R. Anderson, Mankato, has left him because of a severe beating given her by her husband. Mrs. Anderson is reported to have placed her daughter in some Catholic school while she went to a hospital to recuperate from her beating. According to Mrs. Anderson is supposed to be living in St. Paul or Minneapolis with a woman by the name of Cudderly.

Agents on a telephone tap in Mankato heard a conversation between BELLE BORN and O. R. Anderson in which Anderson stated he had received a letter from Mrs. Anderson and asked for BELLE'S advice. Incidentally, it should be noted that BELLE BORN is supposed to have purchased the farm on which the Andersons live and to have helped them in many other ways. Mrs. Anderson, however, is reported to have made the remark that she could put BELLE in the penitentiary at any time she wanted to.

It has occurred to Special Agent R. C. Suran, who is now in Mankato, that in view of the circumstances related by Mrs. Anderson might desire to furnish information to this Bureau regarding BELLE BORN and perhaps her paramour CHARLES FITZGERALD. Agent Suran has advised me that he does not believe that an open interview with Mrs. Anderson would injure the setup in Mankato where, as the Bureau knows, a telephone tap and surveillance is being maintained on BELLE BORN.

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Personally I feel a bit dubious about having Mrs. Anderson interviewed at the present time in view of our setup in Mankato, and shall not have any action taken in this respect unless the Bureau otherwise directs. I feel that she can be interviewed at a later date if necessary.

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN  
Special Agent in Charge

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Special Agent in Charge,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218, et al; EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER - Victim; Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

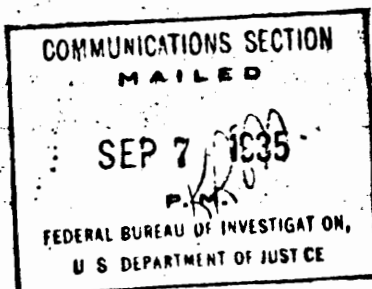
Reference is made to your letter of August 27, 1935 suggesting the possibility of interviewing Mrs. O. R. Anderson, Mankato, Minnesota with regard to Belle Born.

It is noted from your letter that Mrs. Anderson has made the remark that she could put Belle Born in the penitentiary at any time. Please be advised that the Bureau feels it would be inadvisable to interview Mrs. Anderson at this time.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

CC - Cincinnati  
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REPORT MADE AT: <b>KANSAS CITY.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8-24-1935</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>8-21-22-23-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>A. J. NORSTROM</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I. O. 1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I. O. 1235; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I. O. 1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I. O. 1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O. 1241, ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Volney Davis confidentially advised as to the location of the bodies of John Hamilton near Aurora, Illinois; of Earl Christian at Kansas City; of William Harrison near Bensenville, Illinois, and Dr. Joseph P. Moran in Lake Erie. Further that Jess Doyle robbed a mail truck at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, during the fall of 1934; and that the hide-out in the Hamm case was at Bensenville, Illinois. William Weaver reputed to be in Mississippi with Myrtle Eaton.</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Since the incarceration of Volney Davis in the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, numerous efforts have been made by the Kansas City office to enlist his cooperation in seeking the apprehension of various fugitives in this case.</p> <p>On August 21, 1935, Mrs. L. E. Hoffman, Mrs. Bertha Williams and Mrs. Ruby Lamberson, sisters of Volney Davis, called at the Kansas City office for the purpose of claiming the effects of Davis found in the Beaumont Apartment, 3028 Baltimore Ave., Kansas City, Missouri, at the</p>			
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time of Davis' apprehension in Kansas City in February, 1935. The writer accompanied the aforementioned persons to the above mentioned apartment, where the effects of Davis were turned over to them by Mrs. E. Schupan, Manager, and a receipt obtained for the same, which is contained in the Kansas City file. At the time of this visit, Mrs. Lamberson expressed her appreciation for the kindnesses that the Bureau had shown, and stated that she desired to assist the Bureau in any way possible.

Mrs. Lamberson was advised at that time that the \$1,000.00 now in possession of the Chicago office would be forwarded to her at such time as it was released by the Chicago office.

It should be noted that on prior visits of the Davis family to the Kansas City office that efforts had been made by Special Agent A. E. Farland to enlist their cooperation in securing whatever information they could from Volney Davis in an endeavor to effect the apprehension of the remaining fugitives in this case.

On August 22, 1935, the sisters of Volney Davis again called at the Kansas City office and stated that they had made a visit to Volney Davis at the Penitentiary, and that they had requested that he assist the Bureau in every way that he might. Accordingly Davis had requested that his sisters ask Special Agents A. E. Farland and the writer to call on him at the penitentiary.

On August 23, 1935, an interview was had with Davis by Special Agents Farland and Norstrom, at which time Davis was advised that no promises of leniency could be made to him, but that any information he might furnish would be treated with the strictest confidence. Davis advised that he expected that no favors would be shown him, but in view of the assistance that the Bureau had rendered to his family in releasing his personal effects to them, he wished to disclose information that might be of possible value.

Concerning the disposition of the body of John Hamilton, Davis stated that shortly after the gun battle between Bureau Agents and members of the Dillinger mob at Little Bohemia, Bobby and Joie O'Brien, members of the Capone Syndicate came to his home at Aurora, Illinois, and requested that he meet them that evening with other members of the Karpis-Barker crowd at the Sea Food Inn on North Avenue at Elmhurst, Illinois. Davis stated that when he arrived at this Inn, he met Doc Barker and in a short time John Hamilton arrived with Homer Van Meter, Dillinger and Bobby and Joie O'Brien. Davis stated



that Hamilton was taken to his apartment at 415 East Fox Street, Aurora, Illinois, that evening and died the following evening as the result of gangrene. He stated that Hamilton was shot in the liver, and the bullet had mushroomed, and that they were unable to obtain medical assistance for Hamilton, as Dr. Joseph Moran refused to lend his aid, in that he was on the outs with Dillinger at that time. Davis stated that after the shooting at Little Bohemia, Hamilton had been taken to a saloon in Chicago, Illinois, by Bobby and Joie O'Brien, but the Syndicate refused to permit him to stay in Chicago any longer, because of the heat he was bringing upon the crowd.

Davis further stated that when Hamilton had died, he was buried by himself, Doc Barker, Dillinger, Van Meter, William Weaver and Harry Campbell at a place which he estimated was about ten miles south of Aurora, Illinois. Davis prepared a rough sketch of the location of Hamilton's grave, which is being transmitted with this report to the Chicago office. In order to reach this place, Davis advised, they drove on South Broadway out of Aurora past Montgomery, Illinois, to a gravel pit, which was located a short distance from the first railroad underpass on South Broadway out of Montgomery.

Davis said that this gravel pit was located on the left side of South Broadway driving south near a riding academy, and that this riding academy had an exercise track between the academy and the gravel pit. He further stated that a fence surrounds the pit, and that the body of Hamilton was placed in a shallow grave about two feet deep on the corner of the gravel pit farthest from the riding academy.

After the grave had been dug, Hamilton's body was placed in it, and about ten small cans of lye was sprinkled over it and water was then poured over the lye. Davis said that he had marked the grave by placing a roll of rusted wire which he had found near the gravel pit over the grave. He said that a further means of identifying the gravel pit was that there was a house directly across the road from the pit on the right-hand side, near the under-pass.

Davis further stated that Hamilton has a large amount of gold teeth in his mouth, which might identify the body, but that lye had been liberally sprinkled on the head and hands of the body to prevent identification as far as possible. - Davis also stated that Hamilton was buried in a blue serge suit, and his felt hat was also thrown into the grave.

Davis further advised that he estimated that Hamilton died about ten days after the time that he was shot, but that he was able to walk around within thirty minutes after the time that he died.

Concerning the disposition of the body of Earl Christman, who was wounded during the robbery of the bank at Fairbury, Nebraska, Davis advised that he received the sum of \$700.00 for nursing Christman, from those who engaged in the robbery.

Davis said that arrangements were made by Fritz Mulloy of Kansas City with June Kathrens, whereby Christman would be placed in a house owned by Kathrens in Kansas City until such time as he had completely recovered from his wounds.

Davis stated that the house could be reached by traveling on Wornall Road to a school house near the totem poles, then turning left for six blocks, and that somewhere in this vicinity the house could be found.

Davis advised that Dr. Nigro, whom it is assumed is Dr. D. M. Nigro, a close friend of the late John Lazia, Kansas City, Missouri, made daily visits to the Kathrens house where Christman was being nursed by Volney Davis, with the assistance of Eddie Green and Helen Christman. Davis said that Dr. Nigro was accompanied by Fritz Mulloy on each visit, but that after six or seven days had elapsed, fearing that the neighbors would become suspicious, it was decided that Christman would be removed to the home of Vernon Miller on Edgevale Road in Kansas City. However, shortly before the time that Christman was moved, he endeavored to sit up in bed without assistance, which ruptured the wound which he had received in his left lung, and a hemorrhage resulted. Nevertheless, he was taken to the home of Miller, where he died a short time later, although Davis was not in attendance at the time of his death, in that he had not met Miller at the time, and Miller had felt it unwise to allow Davis to come to his home.

Davis stated that he was not aware of the exact place where Christman was buried, but he was of the opinion that it was in the garden of someone's home, and believed it to be the back yard garden of Fritz Mulloy at his home in Kansas City.

Davis stated that to the best of his knowledge, Christman died in May or June of 1933, about seven days after he had been shot.

Concerning William Harrison,<sup>2</sup> Davis stated that he had been advised by Elmer Farmer while they were cell mates in the St. Paul County Jail that Harrison had been killed by Byron Bolton and Doc Barker in typical gang-land fashion. Davis stated that it was his information that Harrison had advised Ruth Heidt of the location of the Barker mob in Florida, and that Ruth Heidt had unwittingly told Doc Barker that she had been so advised. Barker feeling that Harrison was talking too freely had enlisted the cooperation of Bolton and Elmer Farmer in putting Harrison out of the way; that they conceived a plan whereby



Farmer was to lead Harrison to believe that certain of the Bremer ransom that was due Harrison was located at an abandoned factory about fifteen miles from Bensenville; that Farmer and Harrison would make attempt to find this money at which time Doc Barker and Bolton would kill Harrison. Accordingly, Harrison, was taken to this abandoned factory by Farmer, and Farmer entered the door to the place in front of Harrison and concealed himself inside. As Harrison entered the doorway to the factory, he hesitated a moment, at which time Barker and Bolton opened up on him with a machine-gun and killed him. Harrison's body was then placed in an upright position on a support made of heavy timbers and the factory was set on fire, and in this manner the body was disposed of. Davis thought that the bones of the body could possibly be found as well as the machine-gun bullets, which had entered the body.

Davis said that in order to corroborate the information that he had received from Farmer, he recently asked Doc Barker, who occupies the next cell to him in the isolation ward at the penitentiary, if he knew anything concerning a man with a derby, meaning Harrison, and whether or not what he had heard was true, to which Barker replied that he had received the correct information, but nothing further was said about it.

Davis said that this shooting occurred six or seven days prior to the time that Barker was apprehended in Chicago by Bureau Agents.

Concerning Dr. Joseph P. Moran, Davis said that it was his information that Moran was killed by Russell Gibson and Doc Barker and that his body was disposed of in Lake Erie.

Davis said that he understood that Russell Gibson, Doc Barker and Dr. Moran were drinking in Ted Angus' saloon at Toledo, Ohio, and that Dr. Moran engaged in a drunken brawl with some patron of the saloon. When reprimanded by Russell Gibson, he made the assertion to Gibson that Gibson had nothing to say to him, in that he had the gang in the palm of his hand. Davis said they had heard that Gibson had then invited Moran out of the place with Doc Barker and shot him and disposed of his body in Lake Erie by weighting it down with heavy stones.

Davis said that he believed that Ted Angus had assisted them in disposing of the body, in that Barker and Gibson had used his speed boat to go on the Lake, and he knew that neither Barker nor Gibson was able to operate the boat, and he felt that Ted Angus must have operated the boat for them.

Davis was also questioned with reference to the part that Jess Doyle took in the Fairbury Bank job, and he stated that he knew that Doyle participated in the same, and he believed that he drove the car used in making a get-a-way, in that that was Doyle's customary position in all the jobs that he participated in. He further stated that about the fall of 1934, Doyle, John Langdon, a subject in the First National Bank of Neosho, Mo., Bank Robbery Case, Jack Rich and another person, whose name he did not know, had robbed a mail truck at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, of about seven sacks of mail; that they had anticipated they would find a \$49,000 pay-roll in the mail sacks; however, this was not found. Davis stated, however, that a bond found in an Ovaltine can by officers of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, during a search of Doyle's apartment on Warner Plaza in Kansas City, Missouri, in February of 1935, was part of the loot in this mail robbery. It was his information, he said, that Tom Hill of South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, cased this job.

Concerning William Weaver, he stated that Weaver received \$12,500 of the ransom money, some of which he still had; that he had been promised \$20,000 as his part of the loot, but that the additional \$7,500 had never been turned over to him because of some argument in which he had engaged with other members of the gang.

Davis said that he had received information from Al Sherwood, who was employed at Tom Hill's place at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma, that James White, who he believed is employed in the Peoples Drug Company in Washington, D.C., had visited Weaver on a farm, which he believes is located in Mississippi.

Davis said that White is a paroled convict, who was serving a life term for murder at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester; and White has a brother who had been a detective on the Metropolitan Police Force at Washington for a number of years; that Weaver corresponded with White using the name Bill Dooley, and White visited Weaver for two weeks at Weaver's place, at which time Weaver extended an invitation through White to Sherwood to pay him a visit; that Sherwood had never paid a visit to Weaver, according to Davis, but White had made the assertion to him that Myrtle Eaton was living with Weaver, and that her cooking was wonderful.

Davis suggested that White be contacted and informed that Al Sherwood had given this information concerning him, thus averting suspicion on the part of Davis.

Weaver was described as being extremely economical, and Davis said that he would never part with a farm at a loss, and he believed Weaver was still residing thereon. Davis said that Weaver had purchased a 1934 Chevrolet Sedan with six wheels and a truck from the same Chevrolet agency in Toledo from which Doc Barker had purchased his Chevrolet, and it is assumed that this is the Robison Chevrolet Company of Toledo. He stated that the automobile Agent was a fixer for the gang in automobiles and that although Weaver had traded in a 1934 Chevrolet Coupe, which he had purchased under the name of Orhwood, he specifically requested the dealer not to register the new car under this name, and, consequently, with the assistance of Ted Angus, Weaver had registered the car in an Ohio County, other than Toledo County, under the assumed name.

Davis believed that this car could easily be traced by examining the dealer's sales record for the month of June, 1934.

Davis said that he was also acquainted with some of the details of the Hamm Kidnaping Case, in which he stated Doc Barker, Alvin Karpis, Fred Barker, George Goetz, Byron Bolton and C. J. Fitzgerald engaged. He said that Tom Brown, Chief of Police of St. Paul, Minnesota, fingered Hamm and received \$25,000 for his part in the abduction. He was to have received an additional sum for other services he had rendered the participants in this kidnaping, but when he killed Homer Van Meter in St. Paul, the gang refused to make any further payments to him.

Davis stated that Hamm was held in Bensenville, Illinois, at the home of the man who is now postmaster, and whom he believes to be named Bartholomew, received \$1000.00 for the services he rendered.

Davis stated that Goetz had arranged this hideout through Elmer Farmer, and said that it was his information that Goetz had held at least fifty people, whom he had kidnaped in and around Bensenville, Illinois. Davis said that these persons kidnaped by Goetz were usually race track bookmakers and rival bootleggers, and that a number of residents in Bensenville were willing to provide a hide-out for Goetz's victims at any time Goetz so desired their services.

During conversation with Byron Bolton he advised Davis that he had been in a plane enroute from St. Paul to Chicago carrying \$75,000.00 in stolen bonds on his person, when he noticed Hamm in the front of the plane with two Government agents. Feeling that he would be arrested as soon as the plane landed, he cached the bonds in the washroom of the plane, but Hamm did not recognize him, and he left the plane without his presence being known. He then called Jack Pfeiffer at St. Paul and told him to recover the bonds from the plane, which Pfeiffer did. Shortly after Goetz was killed other members of the gang demanded that Bolton return the bonds to them, but Bolton said that he had lost them, although Davis was positive that Bolton knows of their present whereabouts.

Concerning Alvin Karpis and Harry Campbell, Davis could offer no information as to their present whereabouts, other than to state that he believed Cassius Mc Donald of Detroit was their best contact when he, Davis, was traveling with them. He believed that Karpis might have had a part in the recent kidnaping in Cuba, and that he knew that Mc Donald had excellent connections in Cuba and South America and could easily have arranged for the hide-out.

He said that Campbell might also have some contacts in the vicinity of Neosho, Missouri; that Glen Le Roy Wright, whom he described as a close friend of Campbell had always hid out in the vicinity of Neosho and had made some excellent contacts there, which Campbell could very easily use.

Davis stated that Charles Fitzgerald's best contact had been known as "Al," whose last name he did not know, but who was a member of the Syndicate in Toledo, and Davis felt that if this Al were located and watched closely, the present whereabouts of Fitzgerald could be located.

The matter of the Mc Cord shooting in St. Paul was also discussed with Davis, and he informed that Mc Cord and another fellow had been loitering in the vicinity of Myrtle Eaton's apartment in St. Paul and as Fred Barker and Harry Campbell noticed that Mc Cord and another man were following them in a coupe and believing that this was a police car in that Mc Cord was wearing a uniform they managed to elude Mc Cord and later picked up his trail and followed him for a short distance, and Mc Cord noticing that they were following him got out of his car with a pistol in his hand; at the same time Fred Barker jumped out of his car and fired at Mc Cord with a machine-gun inflicting rather serious wounds. Davis was at a loss to account for the shotgun slugs found in the Mc Cord automobile in that he was rather positive that Harry Campbell had no part in the shooting, other than driving Barker's car.

Concerning the convict at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, whom it is alleged is receiving money from William Weaver, Davis said that he and Weaver had made an effort to secure the release of one Sam Coker, a cousin to a person named Wick; that they had endeavored to enlist the cooperation of Sid White in obtaining Coker's parole, without success, but Davis said that he was not aware whether or not Coker was receiving aid from Weaver in the form of payments of money at the present time.

Davis was also questioned as to any possible hide-outs of Blackie Doyle and Vivian Chase in Kansas City, and he advised that he believed that the Club Hotel on 15th Street run by Nell Howard would be their best possible hide-out in Kansas City at the present time. He said that Vivian Chase and Walter (Irish) O'Malley had lived at the Club Hotel for a number of years, and that Blackie Doyle frequented the place a great deal.

Davis also said that a Dr. Jaime, a Mexican, who attended Jess Doyle and who has offices on the corner of Southwest Boulevard and Broadway in Kansas City, would render assistance to Blackie Doyle and his followers, if enough pressure were put on him.

It is to be noted that Dr. Nicholas Jaime, 2045 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri, attended Jess Doyle and Doris O'Connor on several occasions.

Davis also said that Eddie Needles, who operates the Sportsman's Club on Southwest Boulevard in Kansas City was a very good friend of John Langdon, and he would render every possible assistance that he could to Langdon; that he was positive that Langdon would contact him at every available opportunity.

Davis stated that Needles has a secret panel connecting the Sportsman's Club and the next building that could be used in the event of a raid. Davis said that it was this place where Doris O'Connor engaged in an altercation with Frances Taylor, which eventually culminated in the shooting of the latter by Doris O'Connor. He stated that the argument had started between John Langdon and Frances Taylor over a bridge game at the Sportsman's Club, and that Doris O'Connor had taken the part of Langdon and had reprimanded Frances Taylor for picking on Langdon while he was drunk. Davis said that shortly before the shooting he had made an effort to get Langdon out of the Sportsman's Club while he was drunk but that his efforts met with little success, in that he was not known to Needles, and that Needles had locked him out of the place.

The above information was telephonically transmitted to Assistant Director Harold Nathan at the Bureau in Washington and to Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, by Special Agent in Charge E. E. Conroy at the Kansas City office on the evening of August 23, 1935.

Volney Davis will again be interviewed at the United States Penitentiary for any further information that he may have, in that he stated that he will make a determined effort to obtain any information possible from Doc Barker and transmit the same to Bureau Agents.

An effort will also be made to corroborate the allegations of Volney Davis concerning Willie Harrison through an interview with Elmer Farmer at the United States Penitentiary in the near future.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

# 5422

Laboratory Report

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August 27, 1935.

Case: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Number: 7-576-7032

Specimens:

A. One original one page letter from Arthur R. Barker to his father, G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, beginning "Dear Dad - I will answer your letter received some time ago".

B. Envelope in which letter was contained, addressed to Mr. G. E. Barker, Joplin, Missouri, P. O. Box 724.

Examination requested by: Kansas City Bureau Office.

Date received: 8/25/35.

Examination requested: Indented Writing.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C. A. Appel

The examiner is unable to develop any secret writing on either the one page letter from Arthur R. Barker to his father or on the envelope in which the letter was contained.

The letter and envelope will be returned as soon as photographic copies have been made for the completion of the Bureau's files.

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August 23, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases,  
Fugitive, I. O. #1218, et al.;  
Edward George Bremer - Victim;  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the laboratory report  
covering the examination of specimens submitted by your office  
in connection with the above entitled matter and received in  
the Bureau

August 23, 1935.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

Enclosure: 1589787

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO.**

FILE NO. **7-45 BV**

REPORT MADE AT <b>PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/27/35.</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/14/35.</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C. E. PELLETIER</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, I.O.1218, Fugitive; DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN, with aliases, I.O.1232; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O.1236; WILLIAM WEAVER, with aliases, I.O.1238; WILLIAM J. HARRISON, with aliases, I.O.1239; MYRTLE EATON, with aliases, I. O.1241; et al EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING HARBORING OF FUGITIVES: OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE: NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  <b>SNYOPSIS OF FACTS:</b>  <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Frederick P. Farrell, not wanted by the Philadelphia Police Department. Captain J. J. Creedon of the Philadelphia Police Department requested Farrell's photo and fingerprints from the Boston Police Department as a result of a conversation which he had with Post Office Inspector Graham of New York City, so they would be available in the event Farrell is ever picked up in Philadelphia.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> </div>			
REFERENCE:  Report of Special Agent P. M. Plunkett, Boston, Mass., dated August 8, 1935.			
DETAILS:  <b>AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.</b>  On August 14, 1935, Agent contacted Captain J. J. Creedon of the Philadelphia Police Department, Detective Bureau, who caused his records to be searched under all the aliases of Frederick P. Farrell as mentioned in reference report, with the			
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result that there was no criminal record of Farrell disclosed. Captain Creedon stated also that sometime ago he was talking with Post Office Inspector Graham of New York City who has the finest collection of pictures of confidence men in the world and he is under the impression that Inspector Graham told him about Farrell's operations and he, therefore, requested the latter's fingerprints and photograph from the Boston Police Department, so that they would be available in the event that Farrell was ever picked up in Philadelphia.

At the present time, Farrell is not wanted by the Philadelphia Police Department.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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REPORT MADE AT <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-27-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-23 &amp; 24-35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>E. C. DIXON</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, FUGITIVE, I. O. No. 1218; ET AL. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Person suspected of being Subject Campbell is E. Ray Smith, Marietta, Ohio. Fingerprints of suspect were taken and compared with Subject's, with negative results.			
REFERENCE: Bureau letter dated July 16, 1935 to Miss Flossie Perrine, Minnora, W. Va.			
DETAILS: AT EUCLID, WEST VIRGINIA:  MRS. FLOSSIE PERRINE, 8642 Grandriver, Detroit, Michigan, who has a camp at Lore Nicut, about one mile south of Euclid, West Virginia, stated that late in the afternoon of the last Saturday in May, 1935, she saw a man and two girls go past her camp on their way to the home of Reuben D. Siers, who is her uncle. Mrs. Perrine stated that she did not have her camp ready for the summer and in the meantime she and her daughter, Evelyn, (12 years of age), were staying at Reuben Siers' home; that when they went to Siers' home that evening she saw this man and the two girls; that the man was a stranger to her and he was not introduced to her; that the two girls were Dale and Iva Griffin, distant relatives.  Mrs. Perrine stated that this man and the two girls stayed until Monday morning when they left immediately after breakfast; that during their stay at Siers' home she had talked with this man several times; that he told her about California, Colorado, the South, the Gulf Coast, and Detroit, Michigan; that he seemed to know as much about Detroit, which is her home; as she did; that during the course of one of the meals the topic of conversation turned to criminals and she had mentioned Harry Campbell's name and that Camp-			
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bell was going by the name of Ray Smith; and that this man gave her such a funny look that she became alarmed. She later learned that this man's name was Ray Smith and wondered if it might be the same person.

Mrs. Ferrine stated that during Sunday afternoon Smith lay down upon a couch and she, with others, saw a gun sticking out of his pocket. She stated that she had a Startling Detective Magazine in her camp which contained a picture of Campbell and his description; that she went to her camp and got this magazine and looked up Campbell's picture and description and noticed that Campbell's picture resembled suspect and that the description was identical.

Agent asked Mrs. Ferrine and her daughter to describe the suspect from memory and the description they gave checked exactly with Campbell's description. She stated that Dale Griffin had told her that suspect was very quiet tempered; that he was a wealthy man and had traveled extensively; and that they were to be married in the Summer, 1935.

EVERETT ARNOLD, Lore Nicut, Euclid, West Virginia, reiterated the statements made by Mrs. Ferrine, also stating that he was a cousin of the Griffin girls and that they lived somewhere near Belpre, Lowell, or Marietta, Ohio; that their father's name was Jesse.

AT BELPRE, OHIO:

A. C. PARSONS, Assistant Postmaster, stated that they did not have any record of any Griffins living in or near Belpre; but that he did know of a Griffin Service Station on the road to Marietta.

RAYMOND GRIFFIN, Griffin Service Station, Ohio Route # 7, stated that he did not know any Griffin with the names given by Agent.

AT LOWELL, OHIO:

R. A. HARTSHORNE, Assistant Postmaster, stated that they did not have anyone in their records by the name of Griffin or Ray Smith.

AT MARIETTA, OHIO:

R. M. REYNOLDS, Patrolman, Ohio State Patrol, stated that they did not have any record of any trouble by any person by the name of Griffin or Ray Smith.

W. O. LINAMOOD, Chief Deputy Sheriff, stated that the only Griffin that they had any record of was a negro and that they did not have any record of Ray Smith.

S. GRUDIER, Assistant Postmaster, produced their records, which

revealed that on rural route # 3 there was a family of Griffins with the following names:

J. S. Griffin  
Nettie Griffin  
Iva Griffin  
Wilbur Griffin  
Woodrow Griffin  
Mattie Griffin

CHARLES D. DUTY, Carrier on Rural Route # 3, accompanied Agent to the Masonic Park, which is about one-half mile from the Griffin home. Duty stated that there was a family of Smiths living next to the Griffin place but that they did not have any sons and that he had never delivered any mail to the Smith place for a Ray Smith. No contact was attempted near the Griffin home as it was deemed inadvisable at this time.

HOMER O. WOLF, Chief of Police, stated that he had heard the name of Ray Smith in connection with a hat cleaning place on Front Street where a lot of loafers hung around "shooting craps" and playing the horses. Chief Wolf called the patrolman on that particular beat and said patrolman verified the Chief's statement. Chief Wolf stated that all the officers would be at police headquarters at seven-thirty o'clock and that he would like to show the picture of Subject to the officers and question them at that time concerning any information they might have about this individual.

At 7:30 P. M., August 23, 1935, Agent produced a picture of Subject Campbell with the name cut off and two of the officers stated that they had seen that person somewhere and that he was in town. One of the two officers stated that he knew the person in question when the name of Ray Smith was mentioned and stated that Ray Smith was working at a filling station just outside of town and that he believed that the person in the picture was the same one as the Ray Smith he knew. Chief Wolf suggested that a couple of men go out and pick Smith up but Agent impressed upon them that the Subject in the picture was a very desperate character and that it would be better to make sure of the person's identity first. The officer that knew Smith accompanied Agent to the gasoline station in question to enable Agent to look at Smith and upon seeing Smith Agent was able to ascertain that this Smith was not Campbell.

Ray Smith was asked to accompany Agent to the police headquarters where his fingerprints were taken in order to make absolutely certain that he is not Campbell. The fingerprint card is being forwarded to the Bureau with copies of this report.

Smith's description, obtained by interrogation and observation,  
is as follows:

Name:	EDWARD RAY SMITH
Age:	28 years
Born:	September 16, 1906, Auburn, West Virginia
Marital Status:	Married - obtaining divorce; wife - Lucy.
Residence:	Marietta, Ohio, Rural Route # 3
Height:	5' 6 1/2"
Weight:	120
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Dark brown
Teeth:	1 gold front tooth, balance decayed.
Complexion:	Flushed
Scars:	Limp with left foot; stiff left knee. No scar on his face.
Parents:	Father - Arthur Albert Smith, Oxford, W. Va. Mother - Ora M. Smith, Oxford, W. Va.

Smith stated that he had a gun; that he carried the gun because he was afraid that somebody might try to beat him up; that he had asked the police if he could own a gun and that they had told him that he could inasmuch as there is no law in Ohio against owning a gun and that it was not necessary to have it registered.

Smith stated that he was going with Mattie Griffin whose full name was Dale Mattie Griffin, and that he had accompanied her and her sister to Siers' home near Euclid, W. Va.

Arrangements had previously been made with the owner of the filling station to have Smith released for a short period of time and as soon as he had been questioned he was returned to his work and it was explained to Mr. M. Edwards, the owner, that his employee was not in any trouble and that it was a case of mistaken identity. No information was given out as to the identity of the person sought.

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September 4, 1935

Special Agent in Charge,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

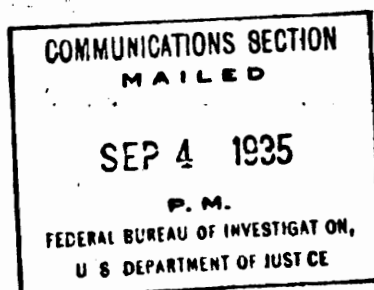
Dear Sir:

Referring to fingerprints forwarded by you, please be advised that an examination of the fingerprint records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation fails to disclose any data concerning the following:

— Edward Ray Smith

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Cincinnati, Ohio.  
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St. Paul, Minn.  
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Chicago, Ill.  
Bureau

Very truly yours,



John Edgar Hoover,  
Director.

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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-56**

REPORT MADE AT: <b>PITTSBURGH, PA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>8/28/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>6/3-4-27/35 8/27/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>F. M. AMER</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I. O. 1218 EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>KIDNAPING</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:  Investigation at Martinsburg and Shepherdstown, W. Va. indicates Karpis to be married to niece of W. H. Rutherford, Shepherdstown; that Karpis and a woman visited with Rutherford for four days during the Christmas following murder of sheriff at Springfield, Missouri. The information of M. A. Little Martinsburg, West Va. is based on newspaper article read by him.			
REFERENCE:  Bureau letters dated July 16 and August 12, 1935.			
DETAILS:  AT MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA  Pursuant to a communication received at the Bureau from M. A. Little, 207 King Street, Martinsburg, West Virginia and dated May 30, 1935, wherein the said Little advised that he had learned through a reliable citizen of Jefferson County, West Virginia the antecedents of Subject KARPIS, Agent proceeded to Martinsburg and interviewed Little. Little informed agent that the person who furnished him with the information was one BENJAMIN HARTZEL of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, the latter being a retired letter carrier and owner of a greenhouse. Little stated that Hartzel was the reliable citizen referred to in his communication to the Bureau dated as above. Little stated that Hartzel would not impart information unless the former accompanied agent.  In the presence of Little, Hartzel stated that during the early part of January, 1935 an article appeared in the Shepherdstown Independent, a newspaper of which Clifford Musser was the editor, which			
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gave an account of Karpis and his escapades, which stated that Karpis had visited in Shepherdstown.

The attention of the Bureau is directed to the report of this agent dated at Pittsburgh, February 18, 1935, in which is recorded interviews with Clifford Musser, WILLIAM MUSSER, his son, the latter assistant postmaster at Shepherdstown. The sum and substance of the interview at this time would be repetition and is contained in the report of Special Agent Ames, dated February 18, 1935, with this addition on the part of William Musser who stated that Alvin Karpis had visited the home of W. B. Rutherford, Shepherdstown, some time shortly before the Christmas preceding the murder of the sheriff at Springfield, Missouri; that at that time Karpis was accompanied by a young woman who also stayed at the Rutherford home where they remained for a period of about four days, during which time Karpis would call at the post office for mail; that upon entering the post office, Karpis would always have his right hand in his coat-pocket and appeared suspicious.

Musser, to whom Karpis' photograph was exhibited, stated that there was no question in his mind of the identity and is positive that the person represented by the photograph was the individual referred to as the Subject. Musser further stated that since that time he keeps a close watch on the Rutherford mail but nothing passed through his hands which warranted the attention of authorities. Mr. Musser further offered that the woman who was with Subject Karpis was alleged to be a Miss SISLER or SISSLER, first name unknown, but who is related to Mrs. W. B. RUTHERFORD, believing her to be a niece. Musser also stated that Mrs. Rutherford has a brother by the name of O. W. SISLER, who resides at Vineland, New Jersey. Musser asserted that when person alleged to be Karpis and this girl left the Rutherford home they hitch-hiked, and have never been known to return; that after they left, he notified the state police who, when they arrived, were unable to accomplish anything. Musser informed agent that it would be inadvisable to contact the Rutherford family for an interview as he was certain they would deny all connections with Karpis.

Accordingly, agent interviewed FLORENCE SHAW, a school teacher who resides immediately next to the Rutherford family, exhibiting to her a photograph of the Subject, who did not recall seeing Subject and the girl, but assured that she would be only too happy to cooperate with the Bureau and would keep a look-out in the event Subject would return and would immediately notify the Pittsburgh Bureau Office.

#### AT CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND

While passing through Cumberland enroute to another portion of the Pittsburgh territory, this agent stopped at the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Police and through Captain Smith talked with Sergeant WILLIAM ATHEY, also of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Police, the latter being a very reliable officer who informed this agent that Mrs. W. B. Rutherford

of Shepherdstown was his sister and that they have a niece whose name was Sisler and who is married to Alvin Karpis; that Karpis and his wife visited with the Rutherfords during the Christmas Holidays, shortly after the sheriff of Springfield, Missouri had been murdered. Sergeant Athey stated that he is not proud of this connection and assured that if it is at all in his power, he would cooperate with the Bureau in every way.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE TRENTON OFFICE at VINELAND, NEW JERSEY will locate for an interview C. W. Sisler, a brother of Mrs. W. B. Rutherford of Shepherdstown, West Virginia and will discreetly interview him, touching on his familiarity with Karpis and his antecedents in the hopes of learning the likely whereabouts of this fugitive.

P E N D I N G

1448 Standard Building  
Cleveland, Ohio

August 22, 1935

PERSONAL and CONFIDENTIAL

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Pennsylvania Avenue at 9th NW  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Special Agent C. E. Smith of this office was informed by Detective Harry Manson, of the Toledo, Ohio, Police Department, that he, Detective Manson, had learned through a reliable source that United States Attorney Emerich B. Freed, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Attorney Marc Wolpaw were supposed to have received \$5,000 and \$2,000, respectively, for their efforts in reducing the bond of one George Sargent, a notorious gangster who is being held in the County Jail at Cleveland, charged with a mail robbery.

It is said that a postal inspector, who was "planted" in the cell with Sargent, had learned of the facts, and the transaction, consequently fell through. It is claimed that Attorney Wolpaw is now in a very "bad spot", as he had taken both fees and was unable to pay back said fees. The plan as set up, it is alleged, was to secure a reduction in the bond, so that Sargent could escape to Mexico. It is alleged that this postal inspector above mentioned, whose identity is not known, advised U. S. Attorney Freed that he was aware of the plan to effect a lowering of the bond on Sargent and that, as a result of this, the agreement allegedly entered into by the said U. S. Attorney to reduce the bond on Sargent was terminated.

In connection with subject Sargent, your attention is respectfully invited to the report of Special Agent R. D. Brown, of this office, dated July 13, 1935, in the case entitled ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218, et al, Edward G. Bremer, Victim, Kidnaping, et cetera, more specifically to page 11 thereof, wherein it will be noted that Sargent is being held in the Cuyahoga County Jail at Cleveland, O., in default of bond in the sum of \$25,000, to answer to a charge of mail robbery at Marion, Ohio.

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Sargent was at one time the "boy friend" of Mildred Kuhlman,  
a contact of the subjects in the Brekid case.

It is said that at one time subjects Karpis and Harry Campbell  
proceeded to Akron, Ohio, ostensibly for the purpose of murdering  
Sargent, because of Sargent's association with the Kuhlman woman.

Very truly yours,

J. P. MAC FARLAND  
Special Agent in Charge

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September 7, 1935

Mrs. A. M. Wolff,  
Lafayette Hotel,  
Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Dear Madam:

Reference is made to your letter of August 29, 1935  
in which you advise that you met two men on an airplane trip  
to Havana, Cuba last May, one of whom gave his name as Campbell.

In keeping with your request I am furnishing herewith  
a photograph of Alvin Karpis, who is described as follows:

Age, 25  
Height, 5 feet 9 1/2 inches  
Weight, 130 pounds  
Build, Slender  
Hair, Brown  
Eyes, Blue  
Complexion, Fair

In addition I am enclosing a photograph of Harry  
Campbell.

The information contained in your letter is being  
furnished to Mr. W. L. Listerman, Special Agent in Charge, Federal  
Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 827  
Broad Street National Bank Building, Trenton, New Jersey, who is  
being requested to have an Agent interview you in the near future  
with regard to this matter.

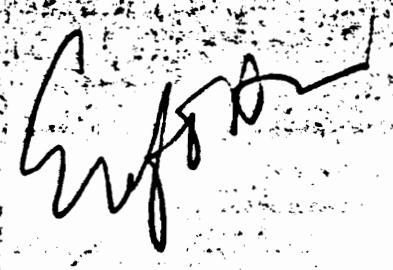
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Very truly yours,  
For the Director,  
Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.



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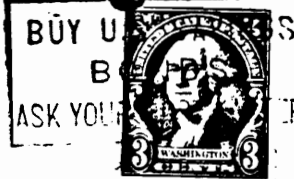
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Yours Truly -  
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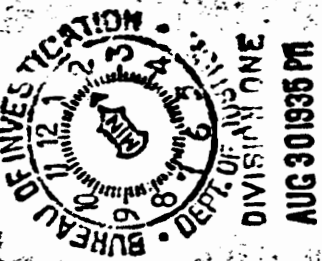
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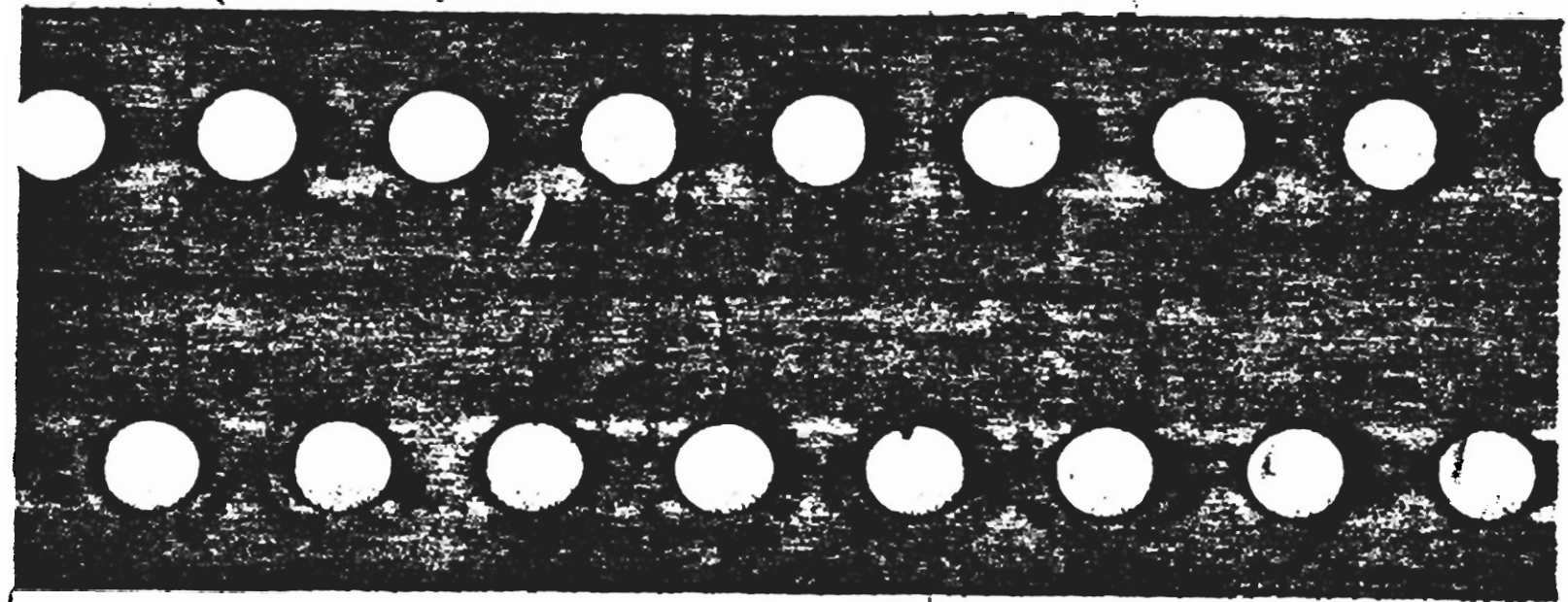
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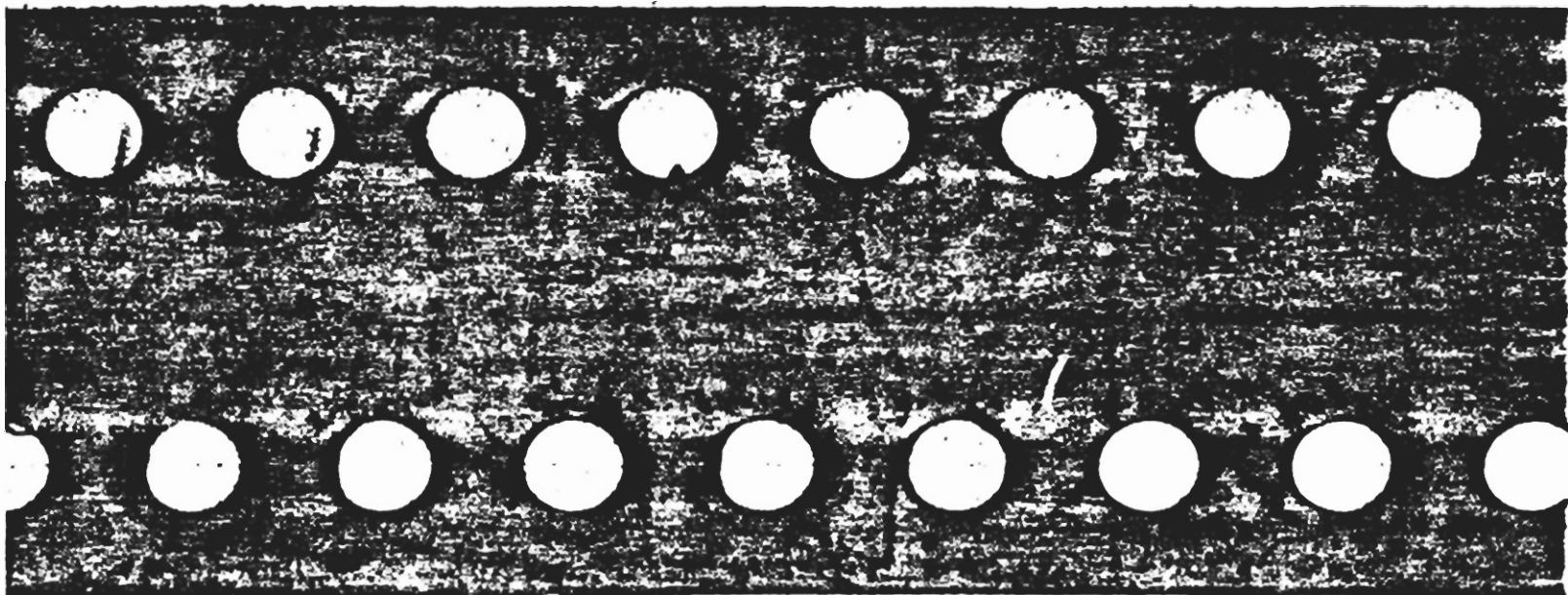


John Edgar Hoover

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J L Gordon Electric Shoe Repair Shop  
metropolis Ill

copy

Metropolis, Ill.  
8-28-35

John Edgar Hoover  
Federal of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice.

Dear Sir:

I have learned thru some underworld that our Public Enemy No. 1 Karpis is at present, living in Chicago, Ill. in a district known as (Cisero) and is disguised, but could not learn just how, and also that he makes almost weekly trips South from Chicago on Route 1 to the Ohio River where we have three mutch patronized Road Houses, on Sat. nites where the underworld meetes. I have tried to get our Local Officers to get Dillinger when he used to make this town on Sat Nites they gave me the laugh and said they always passed the Buck to somebody else. If you send any body here do not notify any of the Local Officers, but have them come to see me first at my Shoe Repair Shop, all the G men in this District calls on me.

P.S. Local officers here have it in for me because I stand Pat.

/s/ J.L. Gordon,  
Electric Shoe Repair Shop,  
Metropolis, Ill.



John Edgar Hoover  
U.S. Department of Justice  
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Dear Sir,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated August 26, 1935, in which you advise that Alvin Karpis is presently living in Cicero, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago, and makes weekly trips south of Chicago on Route #1 to the Ohio River, where there are three highly patronized roadhouses.

This will advise that the information contained in your letter is being forwarded to Mr. D. W. Ladd, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 1900 Bankers' Building, Chicago, Illinois who will arrange to have an Agent interview you regarding this matter in the very near future.

Thanking you for furnishing the Bureau with this information, I am

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION (copies of Mr. Gordon's letter  
MAILED 8/28/35 attached)

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-33-

REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/26/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/23, 24/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>F. J. BLAKE</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases, I.O. # 1218-FUGITIVE; ET AL - EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** I. W. Maxwell says that Alvin Karpis frequents the Oakland Sugar House at Detroit, Michigan; a place at Hamilton, Ontario, run by a bootlegger first name Bennie; also a Jewish section of Brooklyn, N. Y., known as Brownsville; and Windsor, Canada. States that he saw Karpis in Detroit on August 9, 1935.

**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent J. O. Jenkins, Dallas, Texas, dated 8-24-35.

**DETAILS:**

A person giving his name as I. W. Maxwell appeared at the Dallas Bureau Office in a perturbed state of mind and inquired whether the Bureau wanted Alvin Karpis. He was advised affirmatively, and stated he could contact him. He appeared very bitter toward Karpis and said several times that he would kill Karpis except that the job was too big and that he would have to leave the country if he did so. He stated that his grievance against Karpis was due to the fact that Karpis stole \$3387. from him. Maxwell was very vague in practically all of his material statements, but with respect to the \$3387. he intimated that Karpis had obtained access to his room and had stolen the money and eight suits of clothes, leaving the room to appear as if ransacked by a burglar. At another stage of his narrative, it appears as though Karpis is now associating with a woman with whom Maxwell is or has been friendly and possibly intimate for Maxwell stated he had given this woman the key to his room and that following this the money and clothes disappeared. He also mentioned that he had just received a letter from a friend and in this letter he was informed that Karpis and the woman had been seen at a party together. It was impossible to get from Maxwell the date of the party but apparently it was within the month of August and the place of the party was Windsor, Canada.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED:  <i>R. J. Nease</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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The writer gained the impression that Maxwell, if he knows anything about Karpis and if he can contact him, which he stoutly maintains he can do, is motivated more by jealousy over the woman than by the theft of the money.

Maxwell would not name the woman or give any descriptive data concerning her, but did mention she was from Kansas, and said she rented apartments in which Karpis resided.

Maxwell claims that he first met Karpis in Kansas City, Missouri, about 1930 after he, Maxwell, was released after serving a two-year term for carrying concealed weapons.

He says he last saw Karpis on August 9, 1935, in Detroit; that he met Karpis at a designated place which was on the corner of Oakland and Owens Streets, and that the meeting was by appointment. He claimed that Karpis was alone at this time, but says he is usually with three other men who Maxwell would not name or describe except to say one was about 25 years of age, one about 24 years, and one about 19, and all of Jewish nativity, and recent additions to Karpis' mob.

He states that Karpis and the gang are low on funds, having only about \$4000.00 at this time. He stated further that Karpis and Campbell have split company, the cause being a woman; that the split with Volney Davis was over money.

He repeated many times that Harry Campbell would never be caught and added that Campbell was now going straight, and his mannerism creates a suspicion that he is implying that Campbell has been killed.

Maxwell stated that Karpis will not hang out around Toledo, although he might run into and out of Toledo. He says that Karpis does frequent Windsor, Canada; a settlement composed of Italians and Jews in Brooklyn known as Brownsville; a place in Hamilton, Ontario, operated by a bootlegger known as Bennie, of Jewish extraction; and the Oakland Sugar House in Detroit, Michigan, operated by Charlie Lightner, of the Purple Mob. He claims that Karpis is not an associate in the Purple Mob, but has a contact who is connected with said mob.

He says Karpis now has red hair. Maxwell endeavored to secure an agreement whereby, if Karpis is fingered by him, all those caught with him at the time would be released and that no charges of harboring would be filed against any of those caught at the time. He was told plainly that no such agreement could be made. He seemed more concerned about the woman than any other individual.

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Maxwell again appeared at the Dallas Office on August 24, 1935, and again vaguely and indefinitely mentioned Karpis. Upon this occasion he said William Weaver is now with Karpis and he, Maxwell, said he wanted assurance that if Karpis was put on the spot that Weaver would not be prosecuted, adding that Weaver could and would do the fingering if such assurance were given. Maxwell was told that no such assurance would be given.

He said he might later call at the Chicago Office in connection with this matter.

He claimed that if Karpis were put on the spot it would be in the Detroit area. He maintained that Karpis never frequented the Dallas territory.

Maxwell often referred to Karpis as "Ray" and gave some indication that he might know him, although anything said by him could have been gathered from the newspapers or be the product of his imagination.

He claimed to have seen Mr. Nathan of the Bureau in Chicago about three years ago when arrested by the police, at which time Mr. Nathan talked to him at the Detective Bureau. He described Mr. Nathan as being not over 40 years of age and wearing a dark hat and blue suit. He said he was picked up then on suspicion.

He claims that his brother, who he said was known as Sammy Stein, was killed after the robbery of a bank in Minneapolis about six years ago. He said the killing was done by other members of the robbery gang and was for the purpose of securing his share of the loot.

A description of Maxwell from personal observation is as follows:

Age - 25 years  
Height - 5' 7"  
Weight - 172 lbs.  
Eyes - blue-grey  
Hair - chestnut, curly; sideburns  
Large nose  
Nationality - Jewish  
Scars - lazy T scar on forehead, slightly to right of center

Maxwell said he was living at the Canton Hotel, 2001 Canton Street, Dallas. This place is a cheap boarding house frequented by questionable characters.

Upon his first visit to the office at Dallas he was wearing a light grey felt hat with black band about 2 inches wide; white linen trousers, badly soiled and ruffled; a white shirt with blue stripes; no tie. Upon his second visit he wore a solid dark blue shirt. The buckle on his belt has the initial M.



Maxwell stated upon his second call at the Dallas Office that he was leaving Dallas but would not indicate his destination other than to say he was going southeast.

He never at any time suggested the advance of any money to him; and stoutly maintained that he would not accept money from the Bureau for the giving of information which might lead to the apprehension of Karpis. He did not appear to have any money, and was slovenly dressed.

No leads are being set out to any of the field offices, this being left to the discretion of the supervisory office.

The substance of this information was furnished the Bureau and Special Agent in Charge Connelley at Chicago by telephone on August 24, 1935.

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September 3, 1935

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Re: Alvin Karpis, with aliases, Fugitive,  
I.O. #1218, et al; Edward George Bremer,  
Victim - Kidnaping.

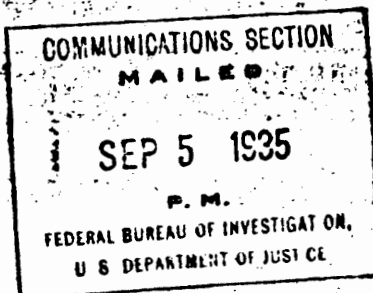
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent F. J. Blake dated at Dallas, Texas, August 26, 1935 in which it is noted that an informant, I. W. Maxwell, furnished certain information to the effect that Alvin Karpis is now reported to be frequenting Windsor, Canada, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada and the Oakland Sugar House in Detroit, Michigan which place is said to be operated by Charlie Lightner of the Purple Mob.

You will observe that the information furnished by Maxwell is of a very indefinite character, but it is requested that you cause an immediate and appropriate investigation to be made at the places noted in the above mentioned report, to ascertain whether there is any possibility that Karpis may be frequenting the above mentioned places.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.



DIRECTOR  
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*E. J. Connelley*

# Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Post Office Box 515,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

August 23, 1935.

Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases,  
I.O.1218, FUGITIVE; ET AL.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File 7-30.

Mr. Edward Bremer, Victim in this case, telephoned me this morning and furnished the following information with reference to the proposed broadcast of the Bremer case tomorrow night over the National Broadcasting System:

He stated that some time ago he received a copy of the script to be used in the program from Mr. Phillip Lord, together with a letter in which Mr. Lord requested that Mr. Bremer read over the script and return it to him with appropriate comments. Mr. Bremer stated that he ignored the request but had read the script. He informed me that yesterday he received a telegram from Mr. Lord again requesting that he read the script and advise Mr. Lord in the premises. Mr. Bremer stated that he ignored this request, and that this morning a telephone call was received at his bank from Mr. Lord. Mr. Bremer stated that he likewise ignored this call and had his secretary inform Mr. Lord that he was out of town.

Mr. Bremer expressed displeasure regarding the contemplated radio dramatization of his case, and indicated that he felt the Department of Justice should have consulted

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Baughman	
Chief Clerk	
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him before authorizing the broadcast of the kidnaping and subsequent investigation. I informed Mr. Bremer that in view of the fact that there had been a trial with reference to several of the Subjects, the information was a public record and consequently available to the public. In view of his apparent irritation, however, I thought it would be advisable to communicate with the Bureau.

Accordingly, I telephoned Mr. Tolson this morning and furnished him briefly with the facts set out above. After communicating with you he informed me that you desired that I contact Mr. Bremer to determine his reactions and whether he contemplated making any comment regarding the program.

As Mr. Tolson was advised in a subsequent telephone conversation, I conferred with Mr. Bremer, who at first stated he was going to tell the press that the program was not authorized by him nor would it meet with his approval. During my conversation with Mr. Bremer I indicated that it would be highly inadvisable for him to make any comment in view of the fact that the case has not been finally disposed of, and especially since HARRY SAWYER and possibly other Subjects may be tried during November of this year.

Mr. Bremer became more conciliatory and stated that he had been greatly upset ever since the kidnaping, and that until the last week he had employed a personal guard. He expressed the opinion that the publicity attendant on the broadcast of this case will cause him to receive a multitude of letters and communications which will revive the agitation he has suffered until recently. I informed him that he was probably over-apprehensive in this respect, and after thinking the matter over he stated I was probably right.

At the end of our interview, Mr. Bremer informed me that he would not make any reply to the overtures of Mr. Lord and that he would tell the press, if contacted, "I have no comment to make with reference to the program".

Very truly yours,

*H. E. Andersen*

H. E. ANDERSEN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 24, 1935

HN:CSH

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Nathan	✓
Mr. Tolson	✓
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Chief Clerk	✓
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Mr. Quinn	✓
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Mr. Schilder	✓
Mr. Tamm	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Special Agent in Charge Conroy contacted me on the telephone about 8 o'clock last night. He stated Agents Farland and Norstrom have been in touch with Volney Davis at Leavenworth over a considerable period and Davis had given them certain information as follows:

Davis states that Hamilton is really dead and gave them a description which he states will aid in finding Hamilton's body. The place of burial, Davis says, is about ten or twelve miles from Aurora, Illinois. Hamilton was shot in the liver at South St. Paul and died about five days after the Little Bohemia incident at Volney Davis' home, 415 East Fox Street, Aurora, Illinois. He was buried by Volney Davis, Doc Barker, John Dillinger, Homer Van Meter, Bill Weaver and Harry Campbell. The body is buried about two feet down in the ground. They dumped about ten cans of lye across the face and other parts of the body. The Agents have a detailed description from Davis of the roads by which they may reach this spot, if possible. I told Conroy to immediately communicate by telephone with Connelley at Chicago in order that an attempt to verify the death of Hamilton might be immediately made. A full report will also be forwarded to the Bureau.

With regard to Earl Christian, formerly reported to the Bureau as dead, Volney Davis tells our Agents that this man died at Verne Miller's home in Kansas City in May or June, 1933. He was attended by Doc Negro and is supposed to have been buried in the garden of Fritz Muloy's place. Muloy is one of those convicted in the Kansas City massacre and is now out on bond pending appeal in this case. Conroy states he is bitter. Muloy in my opinion was one of the worst offenders in this particular massacre, inasmuch as he acted as a post office, attempting to take as little risk as possible and do as much benefit to the mob as possible. I told Conroy that there would appear to be nothing to be gained by pressing Fritz Muloy at this time; that it would be better to wait until the action was taken on

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Be certain every one of these angles is properly & promptly followed out. J. E. H.

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his appeal, Muloy being now out on bond, and then if he is committed to the penitentiary he could be interviewed there and pressure brought to bear upon him there.

Volney Davis states that ~~Willis~~ Harrison is dead. Incidentally, this is the least probable information provided by Davis, inasmuch as a number of informants have stated Harrison is alive and have given details of his movements. Davis states Harrison was bumped off by Byron Bolton and Doc Barker; that this was done about six or seven days before Doc Barker was apprehended; that Harrison was fingered by Elmer ~~Farmer~~ and his body was buried in an old abandoned factory fifteen miles from Bensenville, Illinois. Harrison was supposed to have told some girl where Doc Barker was living and is alleged to have been bumped off for this unnecessary loquacity. I doubt this information, but it can be rather easily checked. Conroy was to telephone this to Connelley and submit a detailed report.

Volney Davis states ~~Doc~~ Moran is dead. This is in accordance with information received by the Bureau from various sources. The story is that Doc Moran was in Ted ~~Angus~~' place in Toledo and became involved in a drunken argument with someone there. Rusty ~~Gibson~~ was also there and told him to desist, whereupon Doc Moran is alleged to have told Gibson that he had plenty on him and that he would not desist. Gibson and Doc Barker are said to have taken Moran out in a motor boat, killed him, and dumped him into Lake Erie. This was said to be just prior to the time Gibson was killed. This information will also be transmitted by Conroy to Connelley at Chicago.

With regard to Jess ~~Boyle~~, Davis states that Jess Doyle, with Johnny ~~Langdon~~ and Jack ~~Rich~~, was involved in a mail truck stick-up at ~~South Coffeyville~~, Oklahoma in the fall of 1934, and that a ~~bond~~ that was found in a can in the ~~refrigerator~~ of Doyle's house when it was raided and searched by Bureau Agents some months ago was one of the bonds from this robbery. The Kansas City Office will pursue investigative inquiries in this connection.

Davis states Bill Weaver received \$12,500 of the Bremer ransom money; that he was supposed to have gotten \$20,000 but only got \$12,500 after some argument; that Bill Weaver is using the name of Bill ~~Dooley~~ and lives somewhere in Mississippi with Myrtle ~~Eaton~~; that one James ~~White~~, an ex-convict from Oklahoma, is supposed to have visited him.

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somewhere in Mississippi. James White has a brother who is said to be working for the Metropolitan Police Department in Washington, D. C. White is said to communicate with Weaver through one Al Sherwood, who works at Tommy Hill's night club at South Coffeyville, Oklahoma. This information will be communicated to Connelley and the interested offices.

Volney Davis states that the Hamm hideout was at Bensenville, Illinois and was in the home of the man who is at present the Postmaster at Bensenville. His name is said to be Bartholomew. Volney Davis also stated that Tom Brown, a member of the St. Paul Police Department and well known to the Bureau, is the man who fingered the Hamm job and received \$25,000 for his part in the kidnaping.

Very truly yours,

  
H. Nathan.

*William Hamm*

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
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Washington, D. C.

August 24, 1935.

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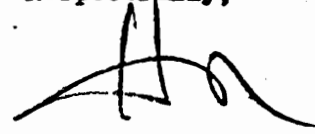
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Mr. Blake called to report that an individual who said he was from Detroit and Chicago had called at the Dallas Office twice to say that he could put Alvin Karpis "on the spot". This individual it appears is sore at Karpis because of his having robbed him of some money and is also burned up about the fact that a woman with whom he used to run around is now playing around with Karpis. This informant would tell only that Karpis frequents a sugar house in Detroit called the Oakland Sugar House, at Oakland and Philadelphia Streets, run by Colley (?) Lightner of the Purple Gang; that he was recently at Windsor where he gave a party with the woman in question; and that he, Karpis, sometimes goes to Hamilton, Ontario.

Mr. Blake stated that he was uncertain as to whether this informant was sincere or a mere chiseler. Blake stated that the informant had rather reluctantly agreed to go to Chicago to see Connelley. Blake asked my opinion about giving the informant a ticket to Chicago, but I advised against this, suggesting that he, Blake, call Connelley at the Chicago Office and give him the above information. I advised him that Connelley had considerable information and that he would possibly be able to determine on the basis of such information whether or not the informant had any information of value or was merely "kidding" us. Blake said that he would talk to Connelley.

Respectfully,



Harold Nathan.

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Washington Field Office, Room 5252,  
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Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Pennsylvania Ave. at 9th St., N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE,  
I. O. #1218; et al - EDWARD GEORGE  
BREMER, Victim; Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated August 27,  
1935. This is to advise that Special Agent Guy Hottel contacted  
Isaac Carrington, 1117 Ninth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.  
at 1:00 P. M. on August 28, 1935.

Agent Hottel accompanied Mr. Carrington to the Mount  
Vernon Pool Room, located at 937 Ninth Street, N. W., and looked  
over the party supposed to be identical with Alvin Karpis.

This party turned out to be Harold Boutin, residing  
at 947 Ninth Street, N. W., age 28, height 5', 7 1/2", weight 142  
pounds, hair dark brown, parted in the center, brown eyes, wears  
glasses, married, living with his wife Myrtle at the above address  
and has two children named Dorothy Jean and Patricia, ages 2 years  
2 months and 2 weeks respectively. Boutin further advised Agent  
Hottel that he was employed by Harry Goff, #2 Dupont Circle as a  
laborer.

Agent Hottel examined the fingerprints of Boutin; and  
from his description ascertained that this person is not Alvin  
Karpis.

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Very truly yours,

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J. M. Keith  
J. M. KEITH,  
Special Agent

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, OHIO**

FILE NO. **7-30 LEE**

REPORT MADE AT <b>BOSTON, MASS.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/28/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/16 - 8/21/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>PAUL M. PLUNKETT</b>
TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Photographs Bruce Upshaw being forwarded Bureau. "Fattie" Mitchell mentioned in anonymous letter identified. Upshaw recently returned to Florida to face trial. Upshaw's wife, mother-in-law, and son still residing Arlington, Mass.. G. Arthur Hastings, Arlington, states was intended victim of William E. Meade at Charleston, S. Carolina, March 27 or 28, 1935.

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**REFERENCES:**

Bureau letter dated 7/29/35.  
Letter from Jacksonville Office to Bureau dated 7/31/35.  
Reports of SA P. M. Plunkett at Boston, Mass., dated 8/8/35 and 8/15/35.

**DETAILS:**

Further following the information concerning Bruce Upshaw as set out in the report of SA Paul M. Plunkett dated 8/15/35 this agent contacted Lieutenant Albert Ryan of the Arlington, Mass., Police Dept... Lieutenant Ryan stated that Bruce Upshaw was presently in custody of the Massachusetts State Police since at the time of his removal hearing the bail which had formerly been put up for him by Frankie Duris was revoked. Lieutenant Ryan gave this agent the following information concerning Bruce Upshaw:

His aliases are Allen Upshaw, Arthur C. Upshaw and W. E. James. He was arrested by Inspector James F. Ryan of the Arlington, Mass., police on June 25, 1935 on a fugitive from justice warrant for the authorities at Deland, Florida. He is described as follows: Born: Boston, Mass.; 8/18/82; height: 5 feet 11 inches; weight: 190 lbs; hair: mixed gray; eyes: blue; complexion: ruddy; build: heavy; nationality: American; teeth: fair

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condition; one gold front tooth; occupation: horseman and confidence man; peculiarities: has skin disease covering body except face known as scleroderma. Upshaw is married to Margaret D. Conley, who is presently residing at 39 Bowdoin Street, Arlington, Mass., under her maiden name with her mother, Mary Conley, and her son David L. Upshaw.

David L. Upshaw, the son of Bruce, has been residing for some time at RFD #28, Barre, Massachusetts. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, February 24, 1918 and has been attending school in Petersham, Massachusetts.

This family possessed a 1931 Cadillac Sedan, Model 355, Chassis and Motor Number 804660. This car was registered in Kentucky for 1935 to Margaret D. Upshaw and bore license tag #112556.

Lieutenant Ryan further stated that he had received the tip concerning Upshaw's presence in Arlington from the postal inspectors in Boston and after a surveillance at 39 Bowdoin Street had observed Upshaw drive to it in the above described automobile, whereupon he had arrested him. According to Lieutenant Ryan, Upshaw will be returned to Deland, Florida to face trial on the same charge as mentioned in the letter of reference of the Jacksonville Office that Thomas O'Dell previously faced. Lieutenant Ryan states that on April 22, 1933 O'Dell alias Thomas Dale alias H. E. Bradley, and C. M. Montgomery alias "Fattie" Mitchell, and Bruce Upshaw alias W. E. James, and a fourth party unknown, swindled one Harry W. Wilmot, 38 Afterglow Way, Montclair, New Jersey, out of \$100,000.00 at Deland, Florida.

Copies of the fingerprints and a photograph of Bruce Upshaw were sent to the Bureau from the Arlington Police Headquarters on June 25, 1935 and the Bureau's return notice on the same bore Number FBI 955056. Fingerprints and photographs have also been sent to the U. S. Postal Inspectors' Office at Boston and New York, the Philadelphia Police Department and the Miami Police Department. Lieutenant Ryan further stated that Upshaw had a friend named Russell Bosworth at 19 Higgins Street, Medford, Massachusetts.

Lieutenant Ryan furnished this agent with two photographs of "Fattie" Mitchell. It will be noted here that this "Fattie" Mitchell is apparently the same one as mentioned in the anonymous communication forwarded the Boston Office in the reference letter from the Bureau dated July 29, 1935. One of these photographs is a full-length picture of Mitchell on the reverse side of which is listed his aliases, as James Mann alias James McMahon alias Milton Montgomery. The other photograph was taken by the New York Police Department and bears their number either 8977 or 8077. This picture further shows this person to have been arrested September 9, 1924 in New York. It further shows him to have been born in 1894 at Glasgow; height: 5 feet 6 1/2 inches; hair: auburn; eyes: gray, and fingerprint classification 11 R 00 7. These two photographs are being forwarded the Bureau with its copies of this report.

This agent called on Lieutenant Ferrari of the Massachusetts State Police at the State House, Boston, and was given another photograph of Bruce Upshaw taken by the state police. This photograph is also being forwarded to the Bureau with copies of this report. The agent arranged with Lieutenant Ferrari for an interview with Bruce Upshaw and accordingly spent one hour in conversation with Upshaw just preceding Upshaw's departure for Florida in custody of the Sheriff. Upshaw was extremely downcast over his arrest and tacitly admitted that he had been in the confidence racket for many years without ever having been arrested. He stated that he had been a "good boy" before going into the game and had always been interested in horses and amusement enterprises having spent several years with various traveling shows and circuses. When questioned concerning William Elmer Meade he stated that he recalled the name and had read of him recently in the paper but had never met him. He stated that it was his belief that Meade had confined his operations to the mid-west and that he had never heard of him operating in Florida. He showed familiarity with other names mentioned but claimed that he had never met any of them. He does not expect to fare as well as O'Dell did when he faces his trial in Florida.

On advice of Lieutenant Ryan that one G. Arthur Hastings at 37 Robbins Road, Arlington, Massachusetts, had had a contact with William Elmer Meade, this agent contacted Mr. Hastings at his office at 226 Binney Street, Cambridge. Mr. Hastings stated that on March 27th or 28th, 1935 he and his wife had stopped at the Fort Sumter Hotel at Charleston, S. Carolina while on a vacation tour of the South. On the first day while he had been sitting on the piazza of the hotel with his wife, a young fellow named Dowling struck up a conversation with him. Dowling pretended to be the son of a wealthy accountant in Detroit, vacationing in that city. Dowling proposed that he drive the Hastings in his car to see the various gardens for which the city is famous. After they had visited several gardens at 4 o'clock in the afternoon Dowling wished and urged them very strongly to accompany him to the Cypress Gardens some 40 miles out of town. However, Mr. Hastings refused on the ground of the lateness of the hour and Dowling apparently was much put out. Mr. Hastings remembers that while driving away from the last garden another automobile passed them, giving two short soundings of the horn. Dowling answered with one. Dowling was staying at the Francis Marion Hotel.

The following morning when Mr. Hastings was again on the porch Dowling came up and sat on the opposite side. Shortly after this a man whom Hastings subsequently learned to be one Lentz came up and sat immediately along side of Hastings. Lentz began a conversation with Hastings when suddenly Lentz pointed across the street to a man walking down the other side, asking Mr. Hastings if he knew who the man was. When Hastings said "No" Mr. Lentz said that the man was a Mr. Fuller whom he had previously seen in New Orleans with a large amount of money and that he, Lentz, believed Fuller to be the representative of a large racing syndicate who made fortunes out of fixed races. Fuller turned and crossed the street and came up the steps of the hotel. (Hastings has subsequently positively identified Fuller as being William E. Meade and he will be so referred to hereafter). When Fuller came up the steps Lentz leapt out of his seat and accosted him, saying in effect that he knew who he was and asking Meade if he would let himself and the other gentleman in on some of these big deals. Meade then smiled and said that it was odd that they should accost

him at that time as he was just resigning his position. He produced a letter from the Horse Breeding Society of Philadelphia which informed him that due to the publicity he had been receiving of late that they would be forced to let him go. Meade then said he would let them in on a big race that was being pulled off that same afternoon, giving them each 20% apiece. That afternoon the entire party met in Room 225 of Hastings' hotel, which turned out to be Lentz' room. Meade came in the room and offered Hastings \$6,000 in cash telling him to follow a certain procedure and bet it on a named horse. Hastings, however, had grown suspicious and refused the money. He then decided that he was in with a gang of confidence men and left the room. Subsequently, however, he learned that Lentz and Dowling had both been arrested by the Charleston police on the day following and charged with gambling, they having taken some \$200.00 from another guest in the hotel in a fixed poker game. Mr. Hastings described Lentz as being forty years of age; five feet 10 inches tall, and weighing about 145 lbs. Dowling, he said, was about twenty-six years of age; five feet eight inches tall, and weighed about 155 lbs.. He stated that Dowling had a peculiarity of feature in that his nose, forehead and chin were practically in a straight line.

On August 22nd this agent called on Chief William Pratt of the Hyannis, Massachusetts, police, having previously ascertained that he was reliable. He had not been contacted before because some doubt had arisen in this connection. Neither the Chief nor Sergeant Lawes, who does most of the investigative work in that city, recognized the pictures of Meade or Farrell. However, when the James J. Ward house in Centerville was mentioned, they stated that about three weeks ago they had raided the house with search warrants after complaints had reached them that gambling was going on there. (This James J. Ward house is mentioned in the report of reference dated August 8, 1935). At the time of the raid only a burly colored man, a colored woman and two other men were in the house. However, the police do not recall the names of the persons interviewed there. No gambling equipment was found and nothing further has been done in this connection. Sergeant Lawes brought this agent to the home of Prescott Fish, a substitute officer of the Hyannis police who resides immediately in front of the Ward home on Craigville Road. Mr. Fish did not recognize the picture shown him and stated that things had been very quiet in that vicinity for some weeks. He stated that he did not know any of the parties residing in the house by sight and very rarely saw any of them. However, he stated the house was owned by Mrs. George Chapman who lived on the same road immediately in back of the Ward home. He stated that Mrs. Chapman was a widow and had owned these houses for many years and was apparently a reliable and trustworthy woman. Accordingly, this agent contacted Mrs. Chapman at her home.

She stated that she had never seen Mr. or Mrs. Ward but that the house was occupied under an oral lease made by her with Mr. Robert Finn of Brookline, Mass.. She stated that she did not know Mr. Finn's business but believed him to be a man of excellent reputation. She stated further that she had never seen anyone else except Mr. Finn and did not note that there were any guests in the home of J. J. Ward except Mr. Finn, his wife, and two daughters. Mrs. Chapman was most vague in her answers and showed a strong unwillingness to discuss the occupants of the Ward home. It is believed by this agent that she



is not a reliable contact in this connection.

UNDEVELOPED LEADS: THE CHARLOTTE OFFICE at Charleston, S. Carolina, will make inquiry at the police headquarters with a view to ascertaining the identity and present whereabouts of the Dowling and Lentz who were arrested by them on or about March 30, 1935, as set out in this report. Since they are apparent contacts of William E. Meade, appropriate investigative leads should be set out if their whereabouts are ascertained.

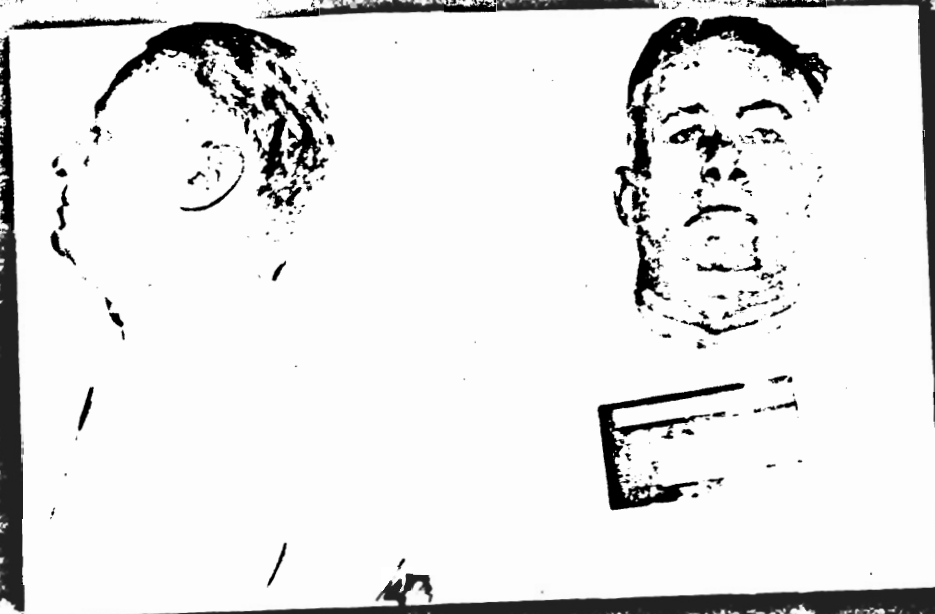
THE BOSTON OFFICE WILL continue the investigation as set out in the reports of reference.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

August 24, 1935.

Time - 5:00 P.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

I telephoned Special Agent John B. Little, acting in charge of the Oklahoma City Office, with reference to his previous telephonic conversation with me regarding the offer of Mr. Jess Dunn, Deputy Warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary, to go to the United States Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and interview Volney Davis with a view to getting information from Davis. I advised Mr. Little that the Director is opposed to using Mr. Dunn in this capacity at this time.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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August 24, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EDWARDS

In compliance with the request of Mr. Newby,  
I am transmitting herewith to Mr. McIntire, eighty  
photographic copies of the mutilated prints, as  
appearing in the files of the Identification Division,  
of William E. Leade, alias Charles E. Carter, our  
file #FBI-271926, for distribution to all field  
offices.

Respectfully,

*L. C. Schilder*  
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Pls send to Mr McIntire - Room 5734 - 80 photographic copies of the mutilated prints of Wm E Meade, #271926 for distribution to all field offices.

R. NEWBY  
Supervisor.



Post Office Box 1469,  
Little Rock, Arkansas,  
August 28, 1935.

Mr. Clinton H. Northcutt,  
Postmaster,  
Decatur, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 28,  
1935, with which you enclosed a tracing of an envelope  
addressed to Mrs. E. D. Campbell, Route 4, Harrison,  
Arkansas.

The writing bears some resemblance to that of  
William Weaver, a subject in the Bremer kidnaping case,  
and I shall appreciate it very deeply if you can learn  
the identity of the person who mailed the letter in  
question.

Thanking you for the very close attention you  
are giving this matter, I am

Very truly yours,

R. L. Shivers,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 28, 1935.

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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Kidnaping Case.

Mr. Andrew Gurante, of Astoria, Long Island, New York, called at the New York Bureau Office on August 22, 1935, and advised that during the Fall of 1934 he was a resident of Miami, Florida; that through his employment he became acquainted with Joe Adams, who is now under indictment in the above entitled case; that Gurante was to be hired by Joe Adams to manage and operate a dining, gambling and drinking room in the El Comodoro Hotel for Adams; that during the several weeks these negotiations were in progress, Gurante observed the following persons frequenting the El Comodoro Hotel: Cassius McDonald, Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Harrison, Harry Sawyer, Fred Barker, "Doc" Barker and an old lady who constantly associated with the above mentioned men. Gurante advised that whenever these people came into the lobby of the hotel, Joe Adams immediately waited upon them himself. During Gurante's negotiations with Joe Adams, the latter stated he wished to hire Gurante because he understood that Gurante knew how to keep his mouth shut.

During this time, Adams told Gurante that the above mentioned persons were members of a mob who had kidnaped a fellow out West and had collected \$200,000.00 in ransom. Adams also said to Gurante, "I can get anything that they got. They've got more money than you can shake a stick at. I can get \$100,000.00 from them."

At one time Gurante observed numerous pieces of baggage on the floor of the El Comodoro Hotel and asked Joe Adams if he were complying with the fire laws in leaving these pieces of luggage lying around, to which Adams answered, "that stuff belongs to that mob I told you about. They got their own home and they are moving out. As soon as they get ready to go we'll take it right out." Gurante stated further that Joe Adams told him that the members of this mob were bankroll men for the gamblers.

Gurante recalled that Cassius McDonald was commonly referred to as "Mac". Joe Adams told Gurante that he, Adams,

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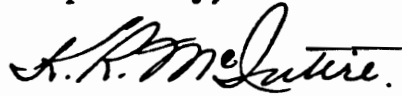
always waited on these people himself; that he assigned the rooms to them; that they were good spenders; that they would stay two or three days and would give him \$200.00 or \$300.00, or if they stayed longer, would give him \$1,000.00, and that they would never ask for any change nor would they ever ask for a bill.

It should be noted that after furnishing this information, Gurante again returned to the New York City Office and advised that he was very much terrified as a result of the information he had given, stating that he did not wish to testify and was afraid that he might be "bumped off" by the gang.

You will, of course, appreciate the importance of the information furnished by Gurante, and the New York Office is, therefore, being asked to encourage Gurante to assist the Bureau to the end that he might be used as a witness.

All offices have been furnished with this information by the New York Office and a copy of the report containing this information has been dispatched to Mr. Walter L. Barlow, Special Assistant to the Attorney General who is to prosecute this case in Florida.

Respectfully,



K. R. McIntire.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

EAT:CDW

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

August 27, 1935.

Time *6:35 PM*

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: Bremer Case.

*Edward G. Bremer*

Special Agent C. B. Winstead telephoned me from the El Paso Office and advised that Special Agents Hurt and White and himself have checked the story of the informant in connection with the above matter in every possible way, and they are now convinced that the informant is a "colossal liar". He said that vigorous and detailed investigation has revealed that none of the information furnished by the informant is correct, and further, the informant himself is now missing, having disappeared early Sunday morning.

Mr. Winstead further said that he could see no reason for these Agents remaining down there, so I instructed that Agents Hurt and White should return to their respective headquarters at once.

Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: John Hamilton.

I telephoned the Chicago Office to inquire relative to two things; first, whether the map showing the location of the body of John Hamilton had been received from the Kansas City Office, and, second, whether anything was being done about it.

Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd, with whom I talked, advised that the map had arrived this morning about 10:00 o'clock, and Mr. Connelley, together with some of the Agents, was out checking the same at this time. The Bureau will be advised by teletype or telephone of the results of this check as soon as Mr. Connelley returns.

The setup on the lead relative to ALVIN KARPIS has had no developments.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT CINCINNATI, OHIO

FILE NO. 7-576-7160

REPORT MADE AT: Salt Lake City, Utah	DATE WHEN MADE: 8-21-35	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: 8-13-35	REPORT MADE BY: L. WINE O.S. DUOGAN (A) MRB
TITLE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218; HARRY CAMPBELL, with aliases, I.O. 1235, et al. EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim.			CHARACTER OF CASE: KIDNAPING; HARBORING; OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Alleged associate and school mate of Alvin Karpis interviewed relative to any information regarding his present location, with negative results. P.

**DETAILS:**

Deputy Sheriff Homer Groves related to agent that several months previous he had been in the "Green Shack", approximately three miles east of Las Vegas on the road to Boulder City, and stated that the bar tender, who uses the name of George Weimer, was considerably under the influence of liquor and had boasted of his acquaintanceship with subject Karpis. Groves stated that Weimer claimed to be a close associate of Karpis and had intimated that he had knowledge as to his whereabouts and that he had at one time attended school with subject Karpis. Deputy Sheriff Groves stated to agent that Weimer is an ex-convict, having done a long stretch at some Federal Penitentiary, which he, Groves, believes to be the Leavenworth, Kansas Penitentiary.

Agent and Deputy Sheriff Homer Groves, together with Deputy Sheriff Ray Mann, proceeded to the Green Shack Tavern where George Weimer, bar tender, was interviewed. He stated at this time that he had never known Karpis and that the only information he ever had regarding him was what he had read in the newspapers. Both Deputy Sheriff Groves and agent were of the opinion that Weimer was lying. Weimer further stated that if he had any knowledge, he would not divulge it.

**DETAILS:** Robert Ellean, owner of the Green Shack Tavern, who is alleged by Deputy Sheriff Homer Groves also to be an ex-convict, but whom Deputy Sheriff Groves believes at present to be very reliable and straightforward, was also interviewed and asked to cooperate with the Bureau in securing information from Weimer, if possible.

Ellean stated to agent and Deputy Sheriff Homer Groves that he would see that Weimer became intoxicated that evening and he would get him to talk. He

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asked Deputy Sheriff Homer Groves and agent to return the next day and he would supply any information which Weimer had divulged while under the influence of liquor.

On the following day Agent, together with Deputy Sheriff Homer Groves, proceeded to the Green Shack Tavern and interviewed Ellean, at which time he stated that he had been successful in getting Weimer intoxicated the previous evening, but that Weimer had not divulged any information relative to Karpis or any other of the Bureau fugitives.

Deputy Sheriff Homer Groves stated to Agent that if the Bureau desired, he could at any time secure the fingerprints of Weimer and forward them to the Bureau, if considered advisable.

The following description of George Weimer is based upon Agent's observation:

Age	45
Height	5 ft. 7 in.
Weight	160 lbs.
Hair	Black (Sparse)
Face	Prominent nose
Teeth	Both upper and lower teeth missing.
Build	Heavy
Peculiarities	Talks with somewhat of a lisp due to missing teeth; dissipated; heavy drinker.
Occupation	Bartender

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

Cincinnati office: Will advise the Salt Lake City Bureau office if they desire to have the fingerprints of Weimer secured by Deputy Sheriff Homer Groves and forwarded to the Bureau for identification purposes.

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Gentleman:-

Seeing this in the paper I am sending it to you, You can take it or leave it, for what it is worth, Who Helped Alvin Karpis and Cambell out of Atlantic City in January, after they shot their way out of the Hotel, Campbell was seen on the street In Febuary walking on Pacific ave from the Postoffice,

all he recognized the party that saw him, and rode 1500 miles in to the City on January 13 at 2,3p in the morning, Not with standing the party did not know any thing concerning who they was, But later I found out that they was kepted at the Salvation Hall, Fed and roomed and housed from the officers that was on their track, They all so tried to get the woman out for them,

Keep Karpis in in-formation regarding to their wher a bout, If such as the Salvation Army was investigated to the interest of the Traveling public, they would be run of the street, and close as a bunch of silant thieves and harboring hold-pus, I have heard many say that they are 100% NO GOOD, yet they travele the street all day and if in a good neighbor-hood they are held up and in that neighbor-hood,

Why? Because they are all ways begging and the well to do people are the ones that respond to their plea, Their waggons are drawn up in frount of the house they get in and then they are robed in a short time,

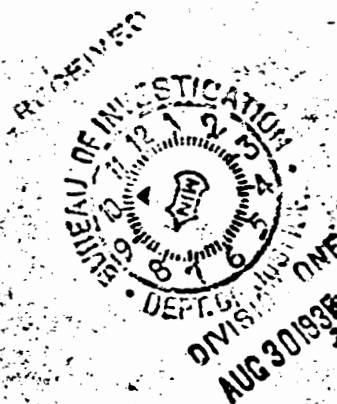
Now if you officers will investigate the Salvation army and not let them know who they are, They will find that this is a true statement, They will not take any one unless they are out of the



Penitensury or a drunken Prostitute, Why? because they are  
no money in a woman that is not from the under-world, any  
man can get in to the Salvation Hall if he will pay his way  
in, and then the woman who ever she is give them a % of what  
she get for the night. If you would investigate this their  
would not be any more SALVATION ARMY

Sincerely a one time Officer,

1500 Liberty Trust Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.



August 29, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Trenton, N. J.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I.O. #1218 et al.,  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES;  
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Dear Sir:-

On August 23, 1935, Captain Andrew Emmanuel of the Philadelphia Police Department telephonically advised me that he had some information relative to Karpis.

Special Agent A. Schroeder interviewed Captain Emmanuel who turned over the enclosed letter dated August 23, 1935, postmarked Baltimore, Md., August 24, 1935, which had been turned over to Captain Emmanuel by a friend of the latter's connected with the Postal Telegraph Company.

This information is being given to you for whatever action you may deem appropriate.

Very truly yours,

H. C. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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August 29th, 1935

Special Agent in Charge  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sirs

I am enclosing herewith numerous miscellaneous maps of the State of Wisconsin and of individual counties in that State.

These maps were secured in connection with the search for the Bremer hideout and in view of the fact they no longer serve any useful purpose in this Office they are forwarded to your Office in the belief that you may desire to have available these various maps covering the counties within your territory.

Very truly yours,

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<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> John Francis Stratton, alias John Goetz, Los Angeles Police No. 21617, San Francisco Police No. 50903, arrived Reno, Nevada, with Grace Constantine on 11-21-34. Later Stratton hired one Dr. J. C. Traxler as a chauffeur and secretary and Stratton returned to New York City for medical attention. On 5-13-35 Dr. Traxler reported to the District Attorney of Washoe County, Reno, Nevada, that Stratton and his alleged daughter had in their possession quantities of narcotics. John Francis Stratton, Grace Constantine and Dr. J. C. Traxler were all indicted May 17, 1935 for violation of the narcotic laws and are now released on bond pending trial. Stratton and Miss Constantine reported to be in New York at the present time. Activities of these individuals watched closely by agent since November, 1934, and there was no indication that they ever contacted any members of the Karpis or Dillinger gangs.</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Bureau letter of August 16, 1935.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> John Francis Stratton and Grace Constantine, who uses the name Stratton, arrived in Reno, Nevada and checked into the El Cortez Hotel on the 21st day of November, 1934. Shortly afterwards Stratton rented a residence on the South Virginia Road known as the "Holcomb Place". The lease was taken out in the name of Dr. J. C. Traxler, the latter person being a dentist of low repute who was hired by Stratton as a chauffeur and secretary after he had discharged one Jerry Nolan, who was killed on a freight train at Truckee, California, about November 23 or 24, 1934. While at the Holcomb Place the Strattons were frequently checked by the writer and Ex-Chief of Police J. M. Kirkley and occasionally</p>			
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by Sheriff Ray Root, inasmuch as their antecedents were not known and they acted very mysteriously. At this particular time Stratton was driving a Ford convertible coupe which was registered in the name of the Mines Finance Company, San Francisco, California. A check by the Police Department resulted in the information that Stratton was interested in the purchase of mining stock in California and Reno, Nevada, and that he was then represented by former Governor Morley Griswold.

After a considerable amount of checking it was ascertained that Stratton was an addict and that he was being treated by one Dr. Rund, a physician of Reno, Nevada, who has the reputation of furnishing narcotic prescriptions to any one that might call for them and who, it is reported, has been in difficulties with the California authorities and is not allowed to practice in that state at the present time.

On or about May 13, 1935, it was reported to the United States Attorney's Office at Reno, Nevada, that Dr. Traxler had appeared at the County District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's office and reported Stratton and his alleged daughter, who were at the Holcomb Place, had a quantity of narcotics. The Sheriff immediately raided the place early the following morning and found Traxler and Miss Constantine alias Stratton at the Holcomb place. Shortly thereafter and on May 17, 1935, John F. Stratton, J. G. Traxler and Grace Constantine were indicted by the Federal Grand Jury at Carson City, Nevada, for violation of the narcotic laws. They all entered pleas of not guilty and were subsequently released on bond. At the time the indictment was returned Stratton was at the Mount Zion Hospital, New York City, and for a time resided at the Hotel New Yorker in New York City.

On or about June 22, 1935, Stratton appeared at Reno, Nevada, with his attorney, William E. Ferriter, Mills Tower, San Francisco, California, and was arraigned and entered a plea of not guilty and was released on a cash bond of \$500. He then returned with Grace Constantine, who was living at the Parkway Hotel, Reno, Nevada, to San Francisco, California, and entered the St. Marys Hospital, the telephone number of which is Skyline 21112. This number was frequently called by Miss Constantine when she resided at the Parkway Hotel previous to the appearance of Stratton at Reno, Nevada, and Carson City, Nevada, for arraignment.

About four weeks ago Stratton and Grace Constantine and his chauffeur appeared in Reno and Miss Constantine informed Mrs. Conway, Manager of the Parkway Hotel, Reno, that they were enroute to New York and would return here for trial of their case in the Federal Court in early September, 1935.

Traxler is not in and about Reno, Nevada, and is endeavoring, according to rumors, to meet some divorcee who has money to finance him in some of his stock schemes. At the present time it is reported that he is some place in California, but comes into Reno on frequent visits.

Stratton was arrested on March 23, 1923 at Los Angeles, California and fingerprinted and photographed - No. 21617, and in March, 1934, was arrested in San Francisco and fingerprinted and photographed - No. 50903. His description is as follows:

Name - John Francis Stratton, alias John Goetz.  
Age - thirty-six  
Height - five feet ten inches  
Weight - one hundred forty-two pounds  
Eyes - dark brown  
Hair - dark  
Complexion - dark  
Occupation - broker

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Marks and scars - arm crippled, scar on wrist, scar on lower lip, wears braces on leg and back.  
Nativity - New York

The description of Grace Constantine is as follows:

Name - Grace Constantine, alias Grace Stratton, alias Mrs. Stratton.

Age - nineteen, looked older.  
Height - five feet four inches.  
Weight - one hundred sixteen pounds.  
Eyes - Blue  
Hair - Black - long  
Build - slender.

Peculiarities - appears to be slightly hump-backed and has a very apparent back injury.

Manner of dress - neat, most always in black.

Nativity - Greek descent.

Note: This woman usually claims to be the adopted daughter of Stratton, but is nothing more than his paramour, and frequently in some circles goes as Stratton's wife.

#### UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE at San Francisco, California, will interview Attorney William E. Ferriter, Mills Tower Building, for purpose of obtaining address of John Francis Stratton, and if residing in San Francisco, interview him relative to fact that he associated and harbored Alvin Karpis while in Reno, Nevada.



THE NEW YORK OFFICE at New York City, before conducting any investigation will await report from San Francisco in regard to lead, it being possible that Stratton and Grace Constantine are now residing in New York City, and San Francisco Office will obtain the address of these parties, if possible, from Stratton's attorney.

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE at Reno, Nevada, will endeavor to locate Dr. Traxler and interview him relative to the associations of Stratton and also ascertain whether Alvin Karpis or any members of the so-called Bremer gang were known to him. In the event Stratton appears in Carson City during the September term of Court he will be interviewed, as well as Grace Constantine, regarding Alvin Karpis.

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August 30, 1935.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I. S. #1218, et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Reference is made to the letter of the Detroit Office, dated August 14, 1935, in which it is shown that the x-ray films of an unidentified body recovered from the Detroit River were forwarded to the Chicago Office with the suggestion that they be exhibited to Dr. C. J. Carlin and Dr. F. J. Chmelik which doctors have in their possession x-rays of the body of Dr. Joseph P. Moran, said x-rays being taken during the time that Dr. Moran was incarcerated in the State Penitentiary at Joliet, Illinois.

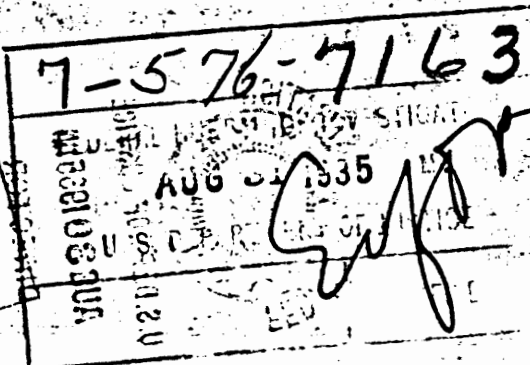
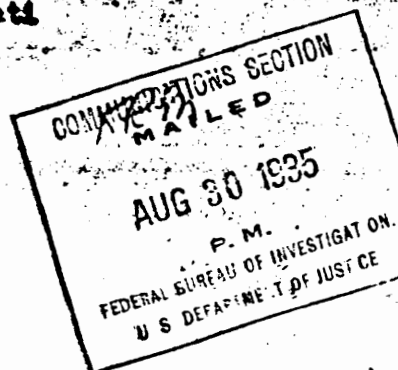
It is requested that the Chicago Office expedite the comparison between the x-rays taken of the unidentified body and the x-rays of the body of Dr. Joseph P. Moran and advise the Bureau of the conclusions reached by Doctors Carlin and Chmelik.

Very truly yours,

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RE: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218, Et al.  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the letter of Special Agent in Charge E. J. Connelley at Chicago, Illinois, to the Bureau dated August 19, 1935, wherein it is noted that it is planned that Special Agent John Madala of the Chicago Office will proceed to Kansas City at a future date for the purpose of interviewing Edna Murray at the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., and Elmer Farmer at the U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

This office had planned to interview the above mentioned parties, but in view of the possibility that Agent Madala may proceed to Kansas City at a later date for that purpose, all such interviews have been held in abeyance.

Kindly advise this office when a final decision has been reached relative to these proposed interviews, so that this office may know what further action to take regarding the matter.

Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Kansas City, Missouri.

RE: ALVIN KARPIS with aliases -  
FUGITIVE, I. O. #1212, et al;  
EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim;  
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 29, 1935 in which you advise that interviews with Edna Murray at the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City, Missouri and Elmer Farmer at the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas have been held in abeyance in view of the possibility that Special Agent John Madala may proceed to Kansas City for the purpose of conducting such interviews.

This is to inform you that you should hold such interviews in abeyance pending further instructions from Mr. E. J. Connelley, Special Agent in Charge on special assignment. In the event Mr. Connelley decides that it will be inadvisable to send Agent Madala to Kansas City for the purpose of conducting these interviews, he will advise you to that effect and an Agent of your office may then make appropriate inquiries of Edna Murray and Elmer Farmer.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
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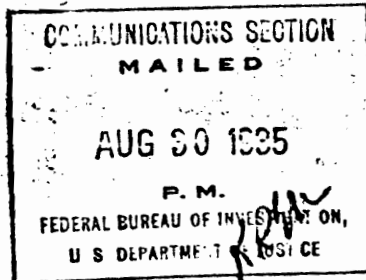
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Reference is made to the report of Special Agent A. J. Borstrom, dated at Kansas City, Missouri August 24, 1935.

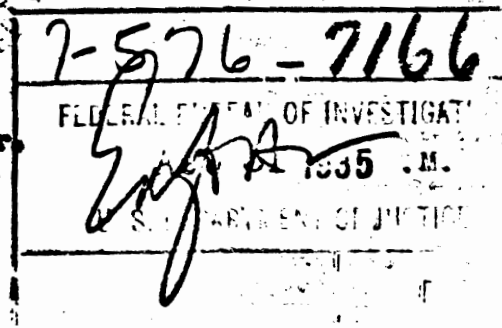
Your attention is particularly directed to Page 6 of said report, in which it appears that very valuable information is set out which should have been furnished to the Washington Field office with an undeveloped lead calling for investigation in Washington, D. C. It is observed that the Washington Field office did not receive a copy of this report and no lead was set out for that office.

Your attention is now directed to Page 7 of said report, in which it is noted that William Weaver is reported to have purchased an automobile at Toledo, Ohio. It is observed that no lead was set out for the Cleveland office and a copy of this report was not designated for the Cleveland office.

Please arrange to have copies of this report forwarded to the Washington Field and Cleveland offices at a very early date.



Very truly yours,  
For the Director,  
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Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.



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TO EFFECT THAT <sup>0</sup> KARPIS HAD BEEN IDENTIFIED AS RESIDENT OF APARTMENT  
HOUSE AT 118 EAST 22 STREET NYC. INVESTIGATION BY AGENTS AND NYC  
PD RESULTED IN LEARNING THAT SUSPECTED INDIVIDUAL WAS CHARLES HASKELL  
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REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW YORK CITY</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8/30/35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/28, 29/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. H. BIRNS</b>
TITLE: <b>ALVIN KARPIS with aliases - FUGITIVE, I.O. 1218</b> <b>HARRY CAMPBELL with aliases, I.O. 1236</b> <b>DR. JOSEPH P. MORAN with aliases, I.O. 1232</b> <b>WILLIAM WEAVER with aliases, I.O. 1238</b> <b>WILLIAM J. HARRISON with aliases, I.O. 1239</b> <b>MYRTLE EATON with aliases, I.O. 1241, et al</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>KIDNAPING; HARBORING OF FUGITIVES</b> <b>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL</b> <b>FIREARMS ACT</b>
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <b>EDWARD GEORGE BREMER - Victim</b>			

## SYNOPSIS of FACTS:

Thomas O'Dell of New Britain, Connecticut is not identical with Edward O'Dell employed by New York publishing house. John O'Keefe, New Britain police officer, Thomas O'Dell's brother-in-law, will attempt to learn O'Dell's whereabouts. Thomas O'Dell has two brothers and four sisters, one sister living in Tampa, Fla.

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## REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent J. M. Vincent, New York City, dated August 14, 1935.

## DETAILS:

When investigation was first made at the New Britain, Connecticut Police Department for the purpose of learning the location of Thomas O'Dell, as set out in reference report, Police Officer John O'Keefe was not contacted because he is Thomas O'Dell's brother-in-law, and Detective Sergeant George Ellinger stated that O'Keefe might not be trustworthy. However, later Lieutenant W. P. McCue advised that there had been some personal friction between Sgt. Ellinger

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and Officer O'Keefe which would account for Ellinger's distrust of O'Keefe. Lt. McCue stated that O'Keefe has no regard whatever for Thomas O'Dell and would gladly furnish any information he has about O'Dell.

At the time of instant investigation Officer O'Keefe was away from duty on vacation at Point of Woods in South Lyme Township, Connecticut, where he was living in a cabin called the "Say It With Flowers Cabin." Accordingly, Lt. McCue detailed Sgt. Ellinger to accompany Agent to that point to contact Officer O'Keefe.

At the cabin O'Keefe's wife advised that O'Keefe was out on Long Island Sound fishing. She is Thomas O'Dell's sister, so it was considered advisable to explain Agent's visit on a suitable pretext. Accordingly Sgt. Ellinger told Mrs. O'Keefe that he was in that neighborhood looking at summer cottages with a view of purchasing one.

Sgt. Ellinger and Agent then rented a motor launch and were carried out on to the Sound where Officer O'Keefe was fishing. There O'Keefe was in a small boat together with his small son and the son of another sister of Thomas O'Dell. Sgt. Ellinger introduced Agent to O'Keefe as a real estate salesman because of the presence of O'Keefe's son. The advantages of various summer cottages were discussed, and then Officer O'Keefe, Sgt. Ellinger, and Agent retired to the cabin of the motor launch, ostensibly to discuss confidential prices of certain houses. When out of the hearing of O'Keefe's son and nephew, Thomas O'Dell was discussed. O'Keefe stated that although he has been married to Thomas O'Dell's sister about ten years, he has never liked O'Dell, but has always considered him a crook, and is willing to furnish any information he has or can obtain which may aid in locating O'Dell.

He stated that around the first of August, 1935 Thomas O'Dell was in New Britain, Connecticut, visiting his mother for about three or four hours during one day. O'Keefe said that at that time he heard Thomas O'Dell mention William Meade, but he does not recall what O'Dell said about Meade. He said that he did not know where O'Dell came from or where he went when he left New Britain. He also said that he did not see any automobile with O'Dell at that time. However, in the fall of 1934 when O'Keefe last saw O'Dell, then in New Britain, O'Dell had a 1930 model, black Lincoln sedan with a Florida license.

Regarding the various members of the O'Dell family, O'Keefe advised that Thomas O'Dell has two brothers; William, who is an automobile mechanic in New Britain and who has never been in any trouble, and Edward, who is employed as a salesman for the Rosebury Publishing Company, New York City. O'Dell has four sisters; Margaret, who married Officer O'Keefe; Anna, who married Ed Barber of New Britain, later married Bill Whiteman from whom she was divorced, and now lives in Tampa, Florida; Helen Oleott, whose husband is dead and who now works for the Travelers Insurance Company at Hartford; and Mrs. Charles Crowley who lives on Uncas Road, New Britain, Connecticut.

O'Keefe said that Thomas O'Dell's sister Anna, who presently lives in Tampa, Florida, is the mother of one of the small boys with whom he was fishing that day. However, O'Keefe did not know this sister's exact address in Tampa, nor did he know the name which she uses at present. He stated that she is probably living with some other man now.

Officer O'Keefe said that he and his wife will be at that summer vacation resort until Saturday, August 31, during which time he feels certain that he can learn from his wife the exact location of her sister, Anna, in Tampa, Florida, and the whereabouts of Thomas O'Dell. He said that he thinks Thomas O'Dell visits his sister Anna in Tampa, particularly during the winter months.

Officer O'Keefe agreed to obtain the foregoing information and furnish the same to Lt. McCue of the New Britain Police Department upon his return to New Britain, Saturday, August 31, 1935. The address and telephone number of the New York Bureau Office were left with Lt. McCue, and he agreed to furnish such information to the New York Office immediately upon his receipt of same.

Officer Dolan of the Identification Division of the New Britain Police Department, who had previously stated that Thomas O'Dell is employed by the Rosebury Publishing Company of New York City, was shown photograph of Thomas O'Dell bearing New York City Police No. 108751, which was made November 7, 1932. The picture was also exhibited to Lt. W. P. McCue who had previously stated that he met Thomas O'Dell in Jacksonville, Florida several years ago. Lt. McCue identified the picture as being the Thomas O'Dell known to him as a confidence man and swindler. Officer Dolan failed to identify the picture as the man to whom he referred as working for



the Rosebury Publishing Company. Officer Dolan stated that he had confused Thomas O'Dell with his brother, Edward O'Dell, and that it is Edward O'Dell who works for the publishing house and not Thomas.

Lt. McCue also stated that there is a saloon keeper in New Britain named Jim Kinney, who for many years has been intimate with Thomas O'Dell and who very likely knows O'Dell's whereabouts. However, Lt. McCue advised against contacting Kinney at present because he didn't consider Kinney trustworthy. He suggested that if all other means proved unsuccessful, then Kinney might be contacted for such information.

Edward J. Hickey, County Detective of Hartford County, Hartford, Connecticut, who had previously requested from the Bureau a photograph of Meade, stated that he had no information regarding Meade, but merely wanted the photograph for use in the event he should obtain any information concerning anyone answering Meade's description in the vicinity of Hartford.

## UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

## NEW YORK OFFICE

At New Britain, Connecticut, on or about August 31, 1935, will contact Lt. W. P. McCue of the New Britain Police Department to learn what information he has received from Officer O'Keefe regarding the whereabouts of Thomas O'Dell and the exact address of O'Dell's sister Anna, in Tampa, Florida.

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August 30, 1935.

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Jacksonville, Florida.

Re: ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases,  
I. O. #1219, FUGITIVE, et al;  
Edward George Bremer, Victim  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Please advise the Bureau immediately as to the  
exact status of the cases now pending in your jurisdiction  
against the subjects in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

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Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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August 30, 1935.

Honorable Walter L. Barlow,  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For your assistance in the prosecution of the case  
entitled, Alvin Karpis, with aliases, I. O. #1218, Fugitive,  
et al; Edward George Bremer - Victim; Kidnaping; I am forwarding  
to you herewith a copy of the report of Special Agent J. E.  
Hanson, dated at New York City, August 26, 1935.

Very truly yours,  
For the Director,

Harold Nathan,  
Assistant Director.

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New York, N. Y.  
August 22, 1935.

STATEMENT

I, ANDREW GURANTE, 2808-35th Street, Astoria, Long Island, make the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agent J. H. Hanson, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice:

On August 21, 1935, about ten or eleven P.M., while walking by the Colonial Hotel, 63rd Street and Broadway, in New York City, I saw a man who I believe is Alvin Karpis. I recognized this man due to the fact that I believe I saw him at the El Comodore Hotel in Miami, Florida in September, 1934. My reasons for having seen him there will be set out below. When I saw Karpis last night, he was wearing a soft Panama hat turned down all around, and had a dark brown suit with a brown tie. I noticed him particularly because he looked familiar to me. I might mention that his hair glistened considerably and it appeared to be of an auburn color. I was further attracted to him by the fact that he appeared to be very thin, emaciated looking and that his hat was pulled down very far over his eyes. He was accompanied by a girl whom I judge to be between 17 and 20 years of age. She wore a printed flowered dress. She had bobbed hair, dirty medium color, with the hair pushed behind her ears. She did not wear a hat nor did she carry one.

Thinking that the man was Karpis and after I had walked about twenty steps from him, I turned around and took another look when I was sure from the appearance of his back and his walk that it was he, so for that reason I turned around and followed them and saw them go into the Empire Hotel. I did not go into the Empire Hotel but left that vicinity immediately and today decided to call up the Federal Bureau of Investigation to report this matter.

While I am a native of New York and have always lived here, during the Florida boom I went to that State and settled in Jacksonville where I engaged in the real estate business. This was during the period

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of 1924 to 1927. I operated under my own name at 215 West Forsythe Street. Going broke in the real estate business, I opened a restaurant called the Chatham Club on the Beach Road which I operated until November, 1931. I was then a salesman of physicians' and dental supplies for approximately a year, after which I joined the staff of the Carling Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida, as efficiency manager. While there I worked under the supervision of Mr. Chandler, who is now with the Fred French Company in New York, and of Mr. Dave Meyerson, who is now the owner of the Carling Hotel. In 1933 I went to Miami, Florida, where I was engaged as a salesman for the Modern Appliance Company selling refrigerators and other electrical equipment. During the course of this work I learned that Joe Adams, the manager of the El Comodoro Hotel in Miami, was contemplating opening a restaurant, dining room and bar at that hotel, and that he was seeking a man to operate these facilities. I then contacted Adams in an effort to secure this position. I gave him a number of references, including Mr. Meyerson mentioned above, as well as his brother Mydie, an attorney in Jacksonville. Adams apparently wrote to these references because, on one occasion during the time that I was negotiating with him, which I might mention was during the period of August to about October 16, 1934, Adams read a letter that Dave Meyerson had written to him in which Meyerson highly lauded my ability. At the time he read this letter, Adams stated that on the strength of this one letter he would employ me because it indicated that I was a very good man; further, that I was a type of a man who would hear and see things but who would keep my mouth shut.

During the time that I was negotiating with Adams, I was in and out of the El Comodoro Hotel frequently. I was often in Mr. Adams' private office. At that time Mr. Adams' office was on the lobby floor facing North West First Street. Adams took me through the hotel several times for the purpose of deciding on space to turn into a dining, gambling and drinking room. He decided definitely, after we had discussed the matter, that the bar would be placed on the first floor to the left of the entrance as you entered on Third Avenue and the dining room was to be on the right. He also decided that he was to have gambling rooms on the second floor of the hotel immediately over the bar in order that a service dumbwaiter could be installed to serve liquor in the gambling rooms direct from the bar. We had definitely made an arrangement whereby I was to be furnished my room and board and paid \$25.00 a week for managing these facilities.



Adams was very anxious to have everything opened in time for the American Legion Convention which took place in Miami October 23rd to 26th. During this period, however, that I was arranging for these plans with Adams, I noticed that there were several guests in the hotel whom Adams afforded every possible courtesy. Whenever these people came into the lobby Adams immediately smiled at them and would ignore me. I thought this was very suspicious. Some time after he had made the statement to me that he had mentioned above about my being the kind of a man who would keep his mouth shut. I recalled that when we were talking in his office an individual was in there who appears to be identical with the photograph that has been shown to me of Cassius McDonald. At that time McDonald attempted to have Adams intercede in behalf of an individual who had been arrested by the Miami Police in possession of an automobile that had been stolen in Indiana and of which this individual could not prove ownership. At that time Adams stated that he did not want to do anything for this man because Bob Knight was a bit provoked about having to fix things for too many people. At that time, however, Adams took from his pocket a lot of money, giving some of it to this man who I am told is Cassius McDonald. Adams at the time also said something about spending a lot of money to fix things up.

About this time Adams told me that these people whom he was mentioning were members of a mob who had kidnaped a fellow out west and collected \$200,000.00 in ransom. He also said "I can get anything that they got. They've got more money than you can shake a stick at. I can get \$100,000.00 from them". I never paid very much attention to these people because they were of less interest to me than the fact that I was trying to make definite arrangements with Adams to get the position as manager for the dining room, etc., also because numerous other people were bothering Adams about the same time. However, I am positive that I have seen the individuals whose photographs have been shown to me and who I have been told are Alvin Karpis, Harry Campbell, William Harrison, Harry Sawyer, Fred Barker and "Doc" Barker. I also saw an old lady with this group but I never paid much attention to her and for that reason I am not able to identify the photograph of Kate Barker.

I also recall that on one occasion when Joe Adams and I were going through the corridors of the El Comodore Hotel, I noticed a considerable amount of baggage being taken out of a room, some of which consisted of long packages wrapped in canvas. At that particular time I was attracted to these peculiar pieces of baggage and I said something to Joe about his not complying with the fire laws. Joe answered "that

stuff belongs to that mob I told you about. They got their own hang and they are moving into as soon as they get ready to go into business in right side.

I also recall on one occasion was sitting in the office of Mr. Adams, I noticed a letter on his desk from someone in Cleveland, Ohio. I cannot recall the name of this individual at this time but I remember that he is a former jockey and that he is publishing a racing form in Cleveland, which information was given to me by Joe Adams himself. This man had written Joe to the effect that Danny Barker, the sports writer, and other celebrities, including underworld characters, would open at the El Comodoro Hotel when they stop in Florida. Joe mentioned this on occasions when he was telling me that he was going to make the El Comodoro a money maker and the most popular hotel in Miami. He doubt he told me this to influence my accepting the position as manager of the dining room, etc.

Joe Adams also told me that the mob were handling him for the gamblers.

I never heard anything mentioned about Cuba except that on one occasion Joe was talking to Bob Knight about employing me not only to manage the dining room, etc. in the El Comodoro but also to operate the amusement on the Nicotina House which amusement had been let out on a contract basis heretofore but the lease of which was soon to expire and that they intended to operate themselves. During the course of conversation Bob Knight asked Joe Adams whether I would be a good man for Cuba and Mr. Adams said that he would rather have me there with him and he could find somebody else for Cuba. This is the only mention that was made of Cuba and I do not know what they referred to.

The individual whose photograph I have identified and whom I understand to be Cassius McDonald, I am sure I have seen at the McAllister Hotel on numerous occasions during the fall and winter of 1934-1935. I had a girl friend named Otillia Hettlinger who is a Western Union branch operator at the McAllister Hotel and who is regularly employed at a similar station at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. It was while visiting with her at the McAllister that I noticed Cassius McDonald in the lobby of the hotel, and I noticed that he frequently talked to young children, pretending to be a very fatherly sort of a man. I believe that he sent Western Union telegrams from this hotel and I recall that he was referred to as "Mac".

I also believe that I saw this man on the porch of the Halcyon Hotel where I was living. I also believe that I saw him at the race betting room at the Ocean Beach located in Miami Beach. I also believe that I saw Cassius McDonald, along with the individuals who I am told are Harry Sawyer and William Harrison, whose photographs I have since identified, at a saloon near the El Comodore Hotel, which saloon is located on Third Avenue northwest, a few doors from the El Comodore Hotel toward Flagler Street.

I might also mention that Joe Adams told me, when he was talking about this mob, that he always waited on these people himself; that he assigned the rooms for them; that they were good spenders; that they would stay two or three days, would give him \$200 or \$300, or if they stayed longer \$1,000, and that they would never ask for any change, also that they would never ask for a bill.

I might also mention that when I first began negotiating with Joe Adams, he told me that he had recently made an airplane trip to Cleveland, Ohio but he never stated for what purpose he made this trip, except that he had to make it on account of that mob.

I might also mention that while I had made definite arrangements with Joe Adams to take over the operation of his dining room, etc., as has been explained above, I was to commence work on October 15, 1934, moving into the hotel on that date. Prior thereto he had figured out what equipment would be necessary. However, in view of what Adams had told me about my being the kind of a man he wanted, as has been more fully explained above, also because of the actions of the mob mentioned above and Adams' peculiar interest in them; further, because of various rumors that I heard around town about the fact that Joe Adams and Bob Knight did not treat their employees well, I decided not to accept this position, thinking that possibly I would get into trouble if I were in Adams' employ. For this reason, without saying anything to Joe Adams, I ceased all connections with him and never went back to the El Comodore Hotel.

I might mention that other than Joe Adams and Bob Knight, I am not acquainted with anybody at the El Comodore Hotel except that I have seen Arthur Hendercock, the clerk at the desk there. I also learned from a woman who resided at the Halcyon Hotel and who



is a galed woman, as they are called in hotel kitchens, that Joe Adams was a very hard man to work for and she was particularly critical of him because she understood that he was about to dismiss her from the employ of the hotel.

Recently while on the streets of New York I met an old hotel steward called Mac, whose name I do not know but whom I have known for many years, having met him in Atlantic City a number of years ago. He is an old timer in the hotel business and makes Florida every year. He talked about the Barker-Karpis episode in Florida and about the fact that Joe Adams was in trouble and at that time Mac told me that nothing would ever come of it. Mac also mentioned to me that at this time the criminal element that is still in Miami is making its headquarters at the Washington Hotel in Miami Beach. This is an hotel catering to Jewish people exclusively and I was very much surprised to think that the criminal element would be hanging out there but Mac claimed that he had it from a good source; that they were there at this time.

As I have mentioned above, I went to Miami, Florida in the fall of 1933 and remained there until April 15, 1935, when I returned to New York City, where I am now living at the above address with my brother, Albert Curate, who is a PMA employee on Long Island. I intend to make my home for the time being with my brother.

After reading the above statement, I affix my signature hereto voluntarily.



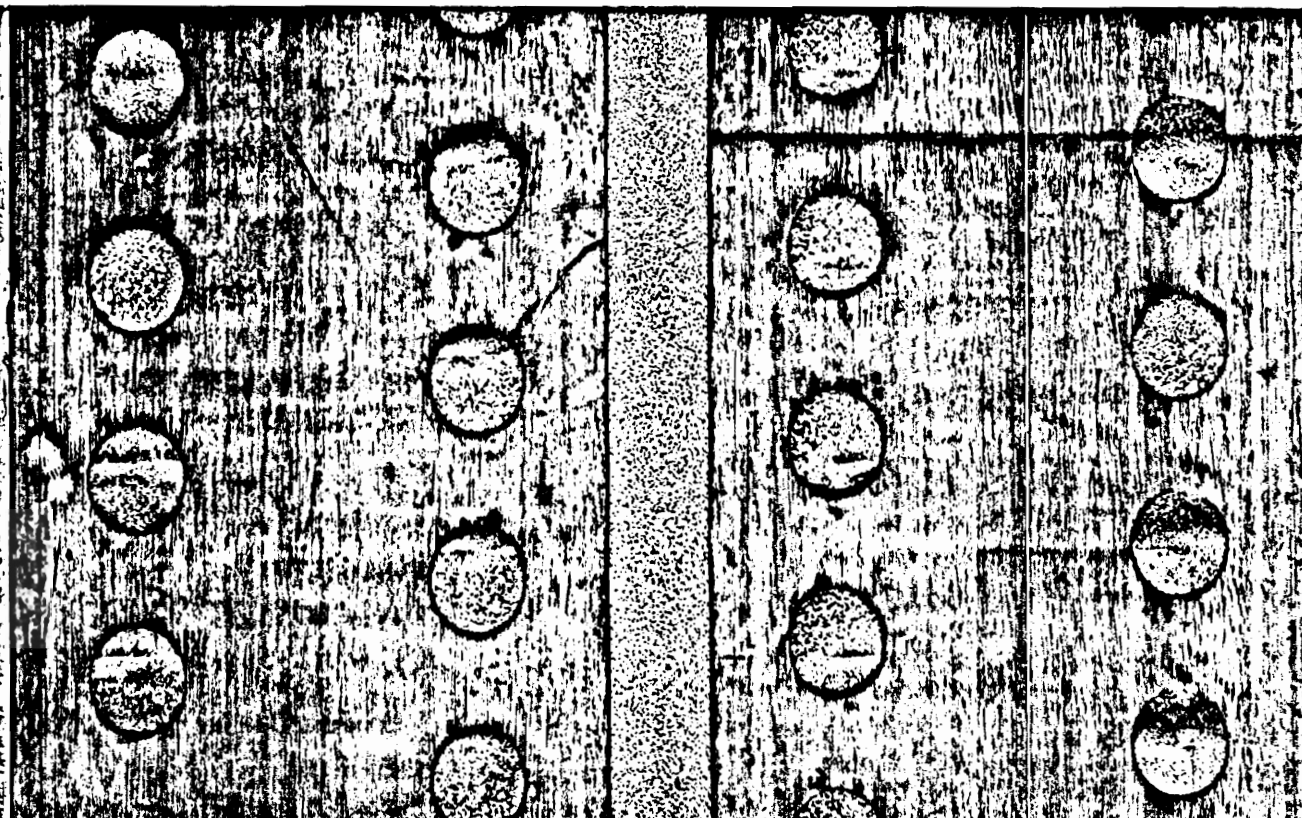
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# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **CINCINNATI, Ohio**

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REPORT MADE AT <b>EL PASO, Texas</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-27-35</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8/23 to 27/35</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>C.B. Winstead</b>
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TITLE <b>ALVIN KARPIS, with aliases, et al; EDWARD GEORGE BREMER, Victim.</b>	CHARACTER OF CASE <b>OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE; NATIONAL FIREARMS ACT.</b>
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Apparently all information furnished by Leon Glenn McGuirk was false and without foundation in fact. Observance of Grace Martino's cabaret in Juarez by informant and by Agents during nights of August 23rd to August 26, inclusive, failed to develop any information indicating Karpis has been or will be in Juarez. Redlight district El Paso kept under surveillance and no indication that William Weaver has been there. He apparently is unknown to inmates and hangers on. Lucy and Buddy Stevenson stated subjects, except William Weaver, unknown to them. Buddy Stevenson knew Weaver in Oklahoma and says Weaver has never been in El Paso redlight district. Only one place in this vicinity known to them where persons fleeing from justice might go, namely "Four Acres Ranch," south of Juarez, Mexico. Investigation by Juarez Police develops "Four Acres Ranch" is Rancho Cuatro Vientos. Original informant left El Paso hurriedly 5 a.m., August 26. Betty Stevenson has not been in Juarez in more than one year. Frank Warren denies being in Juarez with McGuirk on August 10, 1935; admits being with him at Grace's place once, but never introduced him to anyone. Frank Warren unable read or write; claims never heard of Karpis or William Weaver. McGuirk before leaving El Paso informed Officer Wulfjen he had given correct information but next night had tipped Grace Martino off concerning matter. Grace Martino confined to bed with illness for more than week. Her hostess Mary Smith discreetly interviewed; claims no American fugitives in Juarez. Keno Smith, long time member Juarez sporting fraternity and acquaintance of Special Agent J.C. White, stated that none of this gang has ever been in Juarez.

**DETAILS:**

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and that they could not have been around Grace Martino's place for as much as one evening without his knowledge. Chief of Police Gilberto Martinez and plainclothes men in Juarez could not identify any of subjects from their photographs.

REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C.E. Winstead dated August 22, 1935.

DETAILS: On August 23, 1935 Special Agent C.O. Hurt and the writer prowled through the red light district in El Paso, where Hurt was recognized by landlady Lucy Stevenson, her husband Buddy Stevenson, and crib inmate Betty Stevenson. Mr. Hurt visited with those three persons for an hour or more and talked of mutual acquaintances of the Oklahoma City underworld. No mention was made of any of the subjects of this investigation as it had been decided best for Agent Hurt, himself, not to do so, pending developments this weekend at Grace Martino's place in Juarez; that is, pending the arrival in Juarez from Chihuahua City of Karpis, according to informant McGuirk's statements.

On the evening of August 23rd, Agent Hurt and this Agent went to Juarez and in the guise of tourists, remained in Grace Martino's place, called the "Pullman Cabaret," for more than an hour.

Paid informant [redacted] was on the job, [redacted] and going

in and out of the cabaret at will. He is on duty from 8 o'clock p.m., until 3 o'clock a.m. daily and calls the El Paso Bureau Office by phone from the Santa Fe Street bridge, and has called from a pay station in Juarez twice. This procedure was demanded of him in order that he would be familiar with telephoning the El Paso Office in case something of interest developed in Juarez.

Informant McGuirk called Agent by telephone on the afternoon of August 24, 1935 and stated he feared some information had got out as Frank Warren and nearly all the other pimps were hiding out for some reason. He was assured that he need not worry, as Agent had already ascertained the reason for their absence. He also stated that he had not been to Grace's at that time but intended going over during the evening. He also stated he has not seen Weaver since giving the information.

During the day it had been ascertained that the police were contemplating making a raid on a poker game in the red light district, the game being participated in by the local panderers.

It was further ascertained from Special Officer Al Wulfjen that on the night of August 23rd, Frank Warren's girl "Joe" caught him with another woman, wife of one Hutton, who recently murdered two men at El Paso over his wife, and that is why Warren has been absent from his usual haunts during the past few days.



Arrangements have been made through Captain Woolverton that the El Paso Office shall be notified in case a raid is made in the red light district and that all persons picked up in such raid shall be held in order that Agents may see them, as gaming suspects and vagrants are not fingerprinted.

Special Agent Hurt on August 24th met one Jim Perry while at 9th and Mesa Sts., (the red light district). Hurt has known Perry for a good many years, but has had no contact with him for the past three years. Agent Hurt stated that Perry originated in New Orleans, La., but for a number of years he drove a taxi-cab in Oklahoma City. His speciality is check forgery, but he was a very reliable source of information for the Oklahoma City Police Department as to "hi-jackers." Perry has a record in New Orleans and also Oklahoma City for forgery. Upon leaving Oklahoma City, about 1932, Perry returned to New Orleans.

On August 24th, he stated to Special Agent Hurt that he had just come to El Paso about a week ago, at the request of Buddy Stevenson, from New Orleans, and is living at the Mansion, a rooming house and the home of Tom Walker. Perry inquired of Agent Hurt: "For whom are you looking down here? I know everybody here and if you want somebody let me know. If I don't know him I can find out for you if he is here." He referred to a number of persistent law violators, but never mentioned Karpis or any of his associates, and he was asked nothing concerning them.

The following is a brief history of Tom Walker:

Some 20 years ago he was an important local political figure in El Paso. He was, until a few years ago, the principal owner of the Knickerbocker Club, a bootlegging and gambling joint. He is a cripple, unable to walk. He is considered a "fixer," "pay-off" man and "go-between." He is a professional bondsman and during the Prohibition era was very active as such. His present financial status is unknown, but at one period he could on short notice raise from ten to fifteen thousand dollars. He is in control of the red light district in El Paso, which is operated by Lucy Stevenson.

So far as is known, Walker has never been connected with any ring of criminals outside of El Paso, where he is, in short, the "king pimp." There is little doubt but what he would lend aid to any criminal who should come to El Paso, if there was any way for him to profit thereby, but most likely would not put himself in jeopardy by actively aiding such persons as Karpis, Weaver, and Campbell. However, he also would not furnish information as to their whereabouts should he possess such knowledge.

It is doubtful if Lucy Stevenson would furnish any information in this matter, unless she felt she could profit thereby. However, Buddy Stevenson in a conversation with Special Agent Hurt on August 24th, stated: "There are no high-powered crooks here, but there is a ranch down in Chihuahua (State) called



the Big Four," where the boys in the big money go to cool off." The writer knows of no such brand in Mexico as the "Big 4," and inquiries to date have failed to develop any information concerning any such outfit.

Special Agents C.O. Hurt, J.C. White, and the writer, spent the evening in Juarez from about 9 p.m. until midnight in and around The Pullman and Moulin Rouge Cabarets. No person resembling any of the subjects was observed. Agents walked back in the yard where the cribs are situated and it simply appears preposterous to believe that Karpis could or would remain for more than a few hours at such a place.

Informant McGuirk was not at Grace's "Pullman Cabaret," during the night of August 24.

On the afternoon of August 24, 1935, Special Agent C.O. Hurt kept the red light district in El Paso under surveillance and attempted to contact Betty Stevenson, without success. b7c b7d

Informant [redacted] kept in contact with the El Paso Bureau Office daily by telephone and Agents Hurt, White, and Winstead saw him at the Pullman Cabaret in Juarez each night from August 24 to 26, inclusive, where Agents remained until after midnight each of those nights until the American tourists were gone and no one was left there but Mexicans. [redacted] remained on duty until three o'clock each morning. His services were dispensed with on Monday morning, August 26.

On Sunday, August 25, Agents ascertained that Grace Martino is ill with rheumatism and had been confined to her bed constantly for more than a week, and a German-American woman, who gave her name as Mary Smith, is acting in her place as hostess. She stated that she was originally from Pennsylvania and has been working the red light district in Juarez for the past five or six years and is an old friend of Grace Martino. Mary Smith was drinking to some extent on Sunday night and was probably more talkative with strangers than is her usual practice. She stayed in Agent's car for about three hours and conversed very freely of her past life, etc. She stated that she would never turn a criminal in except for two things; that she has no use for a pimp and would report any kidnaper she might come in contact with. In her estimation kidnaping is one crime for which there is no excuse.

She stated that there are no criminals with money coming to Mexico at this time. She gave as her reason for this belief that Mexico and its citizens are hard-up for money; and that anytime a policeman or other officer in Mexico learned that an American was a fugitive from the United States in Mexico and had money, he would not be picked up and permitted to pay off to avoid deportation, but would be picked up and all his money taken away from him and then deported or killed.

During the conversation with Mary Smith by Agents Hurt and Winstead, Lucy and Buddy Stevenson came along the sidewalk and recognized Agents and

stepped out to the automobile. After speaking, it was conveyed by Agents that Agents did not desire their identities disclosed to Mary Smith and the Stevensons did not do so. During the conversation of the party, Lucy Stevenson remarked that there were no hot outlaws permitted to stay at her place in El Paso; and that such people usually went to the Four Acres Ranch, heretofore referred to as the Big Four Ranch. She and Mary Smith described the place as operated by Mexicans about four miles south of Juarez, where wine was sold by the bottle.

On Monday night, Mary Smith was again contacted in Juarez by Agents Hurt, White, and Winstead. She at this time stated she believed that Agents were Secret Service men from the United States, instead of being engaged in the occupations Lucy Stevenson had indicated to her; that her reason for believing this was she had been tipped off that Secret Service men would be at her place on Sunday night. Through discreet questioning, Agents were not able to draw her out to the extent of learning the source of her information.

When Agent talked last with informant McGuirk on the afternoon of August 24, 1935, at which time he stated he was going to Juarez that evening and would surely notify the El Paso Bureau Office in case he located Karpis or Weaver in Grace's place or elsewhere in Juarez, he appeared to be in friendly attitude.

Special Officer Wulfjen informed Agents on Sunday evening, August 25, that on Saturday night August 24, McGuirk had talked with him and stated: "I gave you and Winstead the correct information regarding Karpis, but it was not appreciated and he and those other Government men have been coming down on the line and scaring everybody else away." McGuirk, according to Wulfjen, for that reason and also after thinking about how he had been mistreated in connection with the White Slave Charge placed against him, in order to get revenge, on the afternoon succeeding the evening he gave the original information concerning Karpis, he had gone to Grace Martino's place and informed her that the Government men were watching her place and trying to catch Karpis.

Officer Wulfjen further stated that at 5:15 a.m., August 25, 1935, informant Leon McGuirk and his wife Marjorie McGuirk had left El Paso in company with Robert C. Ambrose and two girls, who accompanied Ambrose in the Ambrose Ford two door sedan and stated they were leaving for Santa Fe, N.M., where a new red light district was being opened.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agents J.C. White and C.O. Hurt:

Agents interviewed Buddy and Lucy Stevenson, proprietors of twenty six cribs in the red light district on 9th and Mesa Sts., El Paso. Agent Hurt previously knew Buddy and Lucy Stevenson for many years in Oklahoma City, before they came to El Paso. The Stevensons were interviewed relative to the information previously furnished the El Paso Bureau Office to the effect that recently Weaver had been in the above mentioned red light district and in Juarez, Mexico, and Alvin Karpis and Weaver were at Grace Martino's.

Buddy Stevenson stated that while he was not personally acquainted with Alvin Karpis and other members of the Karpis gang, he knew all about them and had previously met William Weaver in Oklahoma; that about the first of August he made a trip to Oklahoma City and was gone about a week or ten days; and that when he returned several inmates of the red light district told him that two or three strangers had been there making inquiries about him; that he has no idea as to whom these men might be and stated that if Karpis or any of his gang had been there looking for him, it is probable they were these unknown persons who made the inquiries during the time he was in Oklahoma. Stevenson stated that this was the only time he had been away from the El Paso red light district in the last year or so; that to the best of his knowledge, none of the Karpis gang had been around El Paso.

The three strangers referred to are thought to be some narcotic dealers from Denver, Colo., defrauded by Stevenson sometime ago, when he sold them chalk for morphine.

Stevenson stated it is his opinion that anyone connected with the Karpis gang would be too high-powered and have too much sense to come to the red light district, due to the fact that several officers are on duty in this district most of the time. However, he stated it is common knowledge among the underworld that persons wanting to hide out in this vicinity generally go across the river into Mexico to a place known as Four Acres, which is located about five miles southeast of Juarez, and which is operated by four brothers of Spanish descent, who have a reputation for harboring persons wanting to hide out, provided they have sufficient money to pay their bills while at the place known as Four Acres.

Arrangements have been made by Agents with the Mexican authorities of Juarez, Mexico to make a thorough investigation at the place known as Four Acres.

Stevenson further furnished information that the Chicago Bar, located in Juarez, Mexico, on Juarez, Avenue, where a bartender by the name of Henry is employed is a well known hangout for outlaws from Oklahoma and Texas. Stevenson stated the bartender Henry came from some place in the east and seemed to be a contact for well-known hoodlums. The Chicago Bar will also be placed under surveillance, with the co-operation of the Mexican authorities.

Lucy Stevenson upon interview stated that during the time Buddy Stevenson was in Oklahoma City, she did not see anyone there looking for him; however, several of the inmates told her one day that three strange men, probably accompanied by a woman, were there the night before looking for Buddy. Lucy Stevenson further stated she did not know Alvin Karpis or any of his gang; that should any of them appear in the red light district and she learned their identities, she will not let them stay there for the simple reason it would make her crib line too hot. She further stated that all pimps who stay in the crib line are required to report to the El Paso Police to have their photographs and fingerprints taken in order to comply with Police rules.

The photographs of Alvin Karpis, William Weaver, Willie Harrison, Myrtle Eaton, and numerous others, were exhibited to Lucy and Buddy Stevenson. Both stated they did not recognize any of these people from the photographs.



Lucy Stevenson further stated that if Agents desired to interview anybody connected with the red light district, that she would gladly locate them and bring them to the El Paso Bureau Office for interview.

Robert C. Ambrose was checked by the El Paso Bureau Office as to his automobile on August 17, 1935. He came to El Paso about the 17th of August in a 1934 Ford two door sedan, bearing motor 18-598639, with Minnesota license B-228919. The car had no spare wheel. Information obtained from the St. Paul Bureau Office indicated that the State records reflect that Ambrose owns this automobile and is reported to be a tourist camp proprietor in Wisconsin. He had two girls with him, called Trixie and Lena, who worked from about August 17 to August 25 in the red light district in El Paso as prostitutes.

According to information furnished by Lucy and Buddy Stevenson to Special Agent Hurt, the McGuirks and Ambrose and his two girls upon leaving El Paso, went to Phoenix, Ariz.

Arrangements were made on August 26, 1935 by Special Agents Hurt and White with Chief of Police Gilberto Martinez to check the ranch referred to by Lucy Stevenson and others as the Four Acres ranch. After conference on the morning of August 27 among Chief of Police Gilberto Martinez and Agents, accompanied by El Paso City Detective Manuel Baisa, a Mexican, it was decided that, at the request of Gilberto Martinez, three of his detectives, accompanied by El Paso City Detective Baisa, should go to the ranch, as this would probably be the best way in which to make the preliminary survey of the location of what was known at that time to Agents as the Four Acres Ranch. Mr. Martinez was of the opinion that if it was a spot used by American fugitives as a place of refuge, the Mexican officers, on the pretext of seeking strayed or stolen horses, would not arouse the suspicions of any such fugitives who might happen to be at this place when it was located.

Agents secured a car from a Mexican for the Juarez detectives and detective Baisa to use for this purpose and on the afternoon of August 27, Detective Lieutenant Manuel Baisa reported that after inquiries near Saragosa and Sanien and checking the following ranches, namely:

Pedro Quiriarte Ranch.  
Geronimo Marquez Ranch.  
Venancio Mandonado  
Angula Ranch.

From the description theretofore given of the alleged Four Acres Ranch, Mr. Baisa stated they knew that none of these could be the place referred to; that finally they located what is known as the Rancho Cuatro Vientos (translated, Four Winds Ranch) about four miles south of Juarez on the Chihuahua Highway and about one quarter mile east of said highway; that this place has a small saloon with a bar and pool table located therein, and a sign over the door "Abarrotes," (groceries), with trees around it, where Americans go on Sundays and holidays and have picnics; but there is no food served at this place and apparently no place which would be desirable for a place of refuge and no accommodations or conveniences.



On August 27, 1935 Frank Warren, heretofore referred to as the person who McGuirk stated introduced him to Alvin Karpis in Juarez on August 10, was located and called in person at the request of Agents at the El Paso Bureau Office, and furnished the following signed statement:

El Paso, Texas,  
August 27th, 1935.

Statement of B.F. Warren made to C.O. Hurt, J.C. White, and C.B. Winstead, whom I know to be Special Agents, Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, relative to statement made by Leon Glenn McGuirk that I introduced him (McGuirk) to Alvin Karpis:

My true name is Benjamin Franklin Warren. I am 35 years old. Born Jan. 23, 1900 at New Orleans, La. I am single and live at 9th and Mesa Streets, El Paso, Texas, with a prostitute by the name of Jackie Miller. I have lived with this woman for the past four months.

About August 1st, 1935 I met Leon Glenn McGuirk, who had a woman on the line in the red light district at 9th and Mesa Streets. Along about August 10th, McGuirk asked me to drive him to Grace's place in Juarez, Old Mexico, for the purpose of seeing one of the Mexican girls for a date. I drove McGuirk to Grace's place and we went in, where we visited the Mexican girls for about a half hour and had some beer at the bar. During the time McGuirk and I were at Grace's place, I don't remember seeing any men at all, am sure I didn't talk to any men, or introduce McGuirk to any one. I never was at Grace's place with McGuirk except this one time. After we left Grace's place, I brought McGuirk back to 9th and Mesa Streets and let him out.

During the time I knew McGuirk I never introduced McGuirk to anyone, as it is not customary to introduce persons or inmates in the red light district.

The last time I saw McGuirk was Saturday afternoon, August 24th, 1935, and I noticed Sunday morning, August 25th, 1935, that another woman was working in McGuirk's crib and this woman told me McGuirk had left.

I know of no reason why McGuirk would say that I introduced him to Karpis, or anyone else, as I never introduced him to anyone in my life.

I have been shown photographs of Alvin Karpis, William Weaver, and numerous other photographs, and don't remember ever seeing any of them.

I gamble some in the red light district and have never seen anyone there that resembles the photograph of William Weaver. Should I ever see anyone

that resembles the photograph shown me, I will notify the El Paso Bureau Office.

B.F. Warren. (s)

Witnesses:  
C.O. Hurt, Special Agent,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U.S. Dept. of Justice.

Warren is unable to read and write and claimed that he had never heard or never read of either Alvin Karpis or William Weaver or any other of the subjects of this investigation.

In the opinion of Agents Hurt and Winstead, Warren was telling the truth. While he is ignorant and his profession is one which would not justify a person in vouching for his veracity and honor, he had the appearance of being frank and inclined to cooperate.

Keno Smith, who is one of the proprietors of what is known as Lobby #2, a most popular and modern cabaret and night club in Juarez, and who has been for many years connected with the sporting class and liquor interests in Juarez and El Paso, and who has in the past furnished reliable information to Bureau Agents and is well known to Special Agent J.C. White, informed Agent White on the night of August 26, 1935 that he has never heard that Karpis and Weaver or any members of that gang have been in El Paso or Juarez; that sometime in the early Spring there was one or two members of what he termed the Purple Gang, believed by Agents to have been one Bernstein, in El Paso for awhile, but that since then there have been no criminals of any reputation in this vicinity.

Smith stated that it is preposterous to believe that Karpis has been in Juarez within the past few weeks; that it would be impossible for Karpis or any member of the gang as well known as they are from the advertising and wide publicity given their photographs, to have been at Grace Martino's place for as long as one afternoon without him having received information to that effect. While Smith would not directly, himself, furnish information as to the whereabouts of any such fugitives as Karpis and Weaver, it is believed that the El Paso Bureau Office would indirectly be notified by Smith of their presence.

Betty Stevenson, inmate of the El Paso red light district, upon being interviewed by Special Agents Winstead and Hurt, stated that she never knew any of the subjects of this investigation personally, and upon seeing the photographs of subjects stated that she knows she has never seen any of them, unless it might have been subject William Weaver; and that if she saw him it was some two or three weeks ago when a man

whom she recalls favored the photograph of Weaver, came down on the line in some sort of an automobile with another man, and got out and walked around. She could not recall any contact or conversation she may have had with either; that whoever informed Agents that she had been meeting Karpis or anyone else in Juarez recently was certainly either maliciously lying or else had her confused with someone else, for as a matter of fact she has been prohibited by the Mexican officials from entering Juarez for quite a bit more than a year.

From the above and foregoing, it is Agent's opinion that there was no truth in any of McGuirk's information furnished the El Paso Bureau Office concerning Alvin Karpis.

Copy of this report is being furnished the Phoenix Office for information together with a copy of the reference report, for the reason that McGuirk likely will show up sooner or later in Phoenix. The Phoenix Bureau Office has a copy of the report concerning his violation of the White Slave Traffic Act.

Also for the information of the Phoenix Office there is enclosed herewith photograph of McGuirk.

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